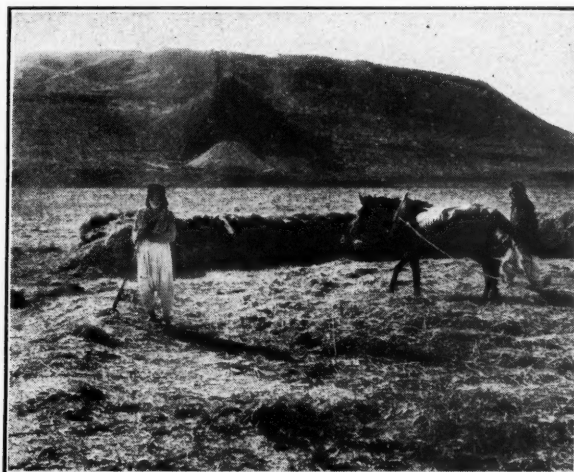


# THE DEFENDER

M A G A Z I N E

## Megiddo



**T**HE men in the foreground are shown thrashing grain, in August, upon the hard dry ground of the most famous battlefield in the world — Megiddo. Armed hosts of fighting men, from the time of Thothmes III down to Napoleon and Allenby, have passed this way. Babylonians, Egyptians, Romans, Persians, Greeks and Byzantines have successively held Megiddo. It has been the scene of war since 2500 B.C. Students of Bible prophecy believe, according to the book of Revelation, that the last struggle of this age will take place on these fields.

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**A PROPHETIC VOICE "CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS"**

**GERALD B. WINROD, Editor**

# The Rosetta Stone

By Dr. J. O. Kinnaman, Martin College, Pulaski, Tenn.

**T**HE nineteenth chapter of Matthew's Gospel contains a vivid description of our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Artists, poets and preachers have exhausted their descriptive powers in trying to portray the wonders of that event.

They have tried in vain to imagine how the Son of God looked that day, clothed in His seamless robe, riding on the back of a colt, the vast crowds of enthusiastic people pushing near Him on all sides, the carpet of garments hurriedly thrown down for the feet of the animal to tread upon, the shouts of praise from a thousand throats, the songs of joy. . . .

The only disturbing element of the entire occasion was the attitude of the Jewish ecclesiastical leaders. They said: "Master, rebuke thy disciples."

And He replied: "I tell you, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out."

With no desire to distort this beautiful passage of Scripture or remove it in any way from its original setting, I wish to say that modern archaeology is causing the stones to cry out in defense of the Word of God.

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This branch of science has done much to refute the statements of unbelievers which have been designed to cast reflections upon the inerrancy of the Scriptures.

The remains of buried cities have been uncovered, whose existence described in the Bible, had been denied. Thousands of inscriptions, written on clay and burned into tile, have proved useful in explaining texts which could have not otherwise been understood.

I have been asked to write this month on *The Rosetta Stone*.

A study of this important artifact immediately takes our thoughts back to ancient Egypt—a land in which so many Old Testament events took place.

The writings of this ancient civilization remained a sealed mystery until *The Rosetta Stone* was discovered in 1798.

For more than two thousand years the Egyptian written language had been as dead as the proverbial pigeon called the *dodo*. The tourist and the savant alike could look upon the peculiar figures that ornamented the walls of temples, tombs, and monuments of all kinds in the land of Egypt.

They would gaze at the animals, birds, etc., that accompanied the other part of the writings of the ancient Egyptians, but no one could guess at their meaning, to say anything of interpreting or translating them. Attempts had been made, but not even a glimmer of what these hieroglyphics might mean could be evolved.

No living man could read them; no one had any idea what the spoken language sounded like. The annals, the literature, the history was locked up in this mysterious form of writing, and promised well to remain thus forever.

Yes, the Bible had much to say about ancient Egypt. Much of the rich meaning of the New Testament Gospel was hidden in types and symbols which originated back in the days when Israel lived among the Egyptians.

But when critics were inclined to deny the veracity of the Pentateuch, believers found themselves lacking in adequate information, originating outside of the Bible itself, to refute the attacks. This was due to the fact that all knowledge of ancient Egypt was sealed in their mysterious hieroglyphics!



The Rosetta Stone

## A Wonderful Find

Then something happened—Napoleon went to Egypt in the summer of 1798. Things were always happening when the Little Corporal was near. This proved to be the case this time.

Napoleon made the trip to Egypt, not entirely for military purposes; but also as a great scientific expedition.

The French army was accompanied by nearly a hundred of the most famous scientists of the day. It was their duty to gather information regarding the Country past and present. Their researches were finally published between 1809 and 1822 consisting of one volume of introduction, three volumes of plates and three volumes of texts.

An examination of what the French scientists did, confirms in a literal way,

Psalms 76:10, "Surely the wrath of man shall praise Thee."

Little did Napoleon dream that his scientific expedition would find a *document in stone* to make the language of Egypt understandable and thereby prove the authenticity of everything the Bible says about the ancient civilization which existed in that part of the world. . . .

A few miles east of Alexandria, a French artillery officer named Bous-sard, was engaged in certain works on a redoubt of St. Julian, at Rosetta. In digging for the base of this redoubt, he came upon a slab of black granite.

It was a peculiar Stone, partly mutilated i. e. the upper left hand corner had been broken off, and the fragment was never recovered.

It was soon seen that this Stone bore a triple row of inscriptions. The upper row was in the original hieroglyphics; the second row was demotic Egyptian writing; the third row offered no difficulty for it was Greek.

Two of the rows were almost complete though some of the Greek in the lower right hand corner was gone. The Greek text showed that it had been written by the priests of Memphis in the honor of the Pharaohs, and especially Ptolemy V. Epiphanes who reigned over Egypt 205-181 B. C.

This stone was made in 196 B. C.

This particular monument stood originally in the temple of Tum, the god of the setting sun; and there were to be copies of it in other places. In order that this decree might be intelligible to all the inhabitants of the country, it was necessary to engrave it first in the sacred letters which were the hieroglyphics; then in the letters of the "common" script; then the Greek.

Since the Greek language still lived, it was possible to compare the Greek writing on the Stone with the Egyptian characters, and thereby gain a perfect understanding of the hieroglyphics.

## Contents of the Stone

It was evident that all three inscriptions dealt with the same subject, and that the contents of the Greek text were the same as the other two. This furnished the key that was to unlock the mysteries of the hieroglyphics.

Ptolemy did many things for the priests of Egypt, among them being the fact that he lightened taxation so that the people might live more prosperously; he released defendants in suits at law, freed prisoners, he ordered that the revenues of the temples should remain the same as they were.

No new promotion fees were allowed to be imposed upon the priesthood, and the annual voyage to Alexandria was no longer obligatory, and all neglected or interdicted temple-service was declared restored. In return for his

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# THE DEFENDER MAGAZINE

Defenders Song "Faith of Our Fathers"

Defenders Motto "Back to the Bible"

## The Protestant Papacy

By Dr. Gerald B. Winrod

"FOR their rock is not as our rock, even our enemies themselves being judges." Deut. 32: 31.

I am in receipt of the following letter from Samuel McCrea Cavert, General Secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America:

May 4, 1937

Dr. Gerald B. Winrod,  
Wichita, Kansas.

My dear Dr. Winrod:

My attention has been called to two articles in The Defender of April, 1937, in which gross misrepresentations are printed concerning the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

One article in The Defender refers to the Federal Council of Churches as if it "denies the deity and rejects the atoning efficacy of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ." I desire to assert without qualification that the Federal Council has never made any such denial... The very constitution of the Council refers to faith in "Jesus Christ as Divine Lord and Saviour" as the basis of unity of the Council.

Again, an article in The Defender describes the Federal Council as "bringing many radical and anti-Christian groups into a political alliance." This statement is entirely false.... The Council is in no sense "a political alliance" but is clearly and simply a federation of evangelical denominations for united Christian service.

I enclose herewith a pamphlet entitled "The Facts About the Federal Council" which I respectfully ask you to read and in the light of which I trust that you will feel it your Christian obligation to make a public correction of the misstatements which you have made about the Federal Council.

My answer was as follows:

May 13, 1937.

Mr. Samuel McCrea Cavert,  
105 E. 22nd St.,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Cavert:

In acknowledgment of your letter dated May 4, 1937 will say that the matter will receive the attention which it rightly deserves.

### How the Federal Council Started

The last forty years has witnessed an ever increasing tendency toward federation on the part of church groups.

The Student Volunteer Movement, United Society of Christian Endeavor, American Bible Society, International Sunday-School Association, the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A., were among the first international organizations to develop, with the turn of the century.

The above list does not pretend to be complete but will suffice to illustrate the beginning of the interchurch movement in the United States. Similar organizations began, at the same time, to rise on foreign missionary fields.

Back in 1895, we find Rev. E. B. Sanford, speaking on behalf of his "Open and Institutional Church League", pleading for "Christian unity as a sovereign interest" toward which all denominations should bend their efforts.

Four years prior to the above date, the "Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip" had formulated a constitution which provided for a "FEDERAL COUNCIL" whose members should be appointed by different church groups. Two years of planning brought about the first national convention of this new body, held at the Marble Collegiate Church of New York City in 1893.

Then came the meeting of 1900, when an actual federation of denominational leaders was formed. Rev. Sanford was the guiding spirit in this venture and later became an active official in the powerful "Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America"—the tentacles of which now reach out like a gigantic octopus, affecting almost every department of our national life.

The Executive Committee issued the following official statement at the close of the gathering held in 1900:

"May we not also look forward to a National Federation of all our Protestant Christian denominations, through their OFFICIAL HEADS...."

Two years later, the new-born "National Federation" held its annual meeting in Washington, D. C. On that occasion, a committee was appointed for the purpose of conferring with the highest ecclesiastical leaders of all denominations, "looking toward the establishment of a definite interchurch federation in 1905.

This effort resulted in the adoption of a constitution on the date scheduled. Three years later or 1908, witnessed the completion of a super-ecclesiastical body, a Protestant hierarchy, under the imposing title, "Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America."

It should be borne in mind that this plan does not provide for the blending of denominational interests down at the base of the pyramid, but, on the contrary, little groups of individuals are carefully picked at the top, to represent their organizations in a so-called COUNCIL.

BEHIND THIS "COUNCIL" IS THE SELF-PROPAGATING LEADERSHIP. Thus within the shadows, we find the actual heads of departments, who mould policies and set the pace in carrying on a multiplicity of social, political and other activities which are utterly foreign to the Christian religion and devoid of Bible truth.

Prior to the appearance of the Federal Council in 1908, all the interdenominational groups which sprung up, were purely voluntary fellowships. But not so with this one!

THE FEDERAL COUNCIL IS AN ECCLESIASTICALLY ORGANIZED BODY—A GIGANTIC HUMANISTIC SUPER-CHURCH.

### Doctrinal Matters

There is every indication that the leaders of those early groups meant well. Many of them were spiritually minded individuals who deplored the schisms which were at that time existing in many quarters.

Little did these men dream that the day would ever come when some of their organizations might apostatize, become outright enemies of the Gospel and even be transformed into instru-

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# ITEMS of INTEREST to DEFENDERS

**TROTSKY** is in Mexico. Is he fomenting a revolution that will sweep all of North America and South America? Will he soon be granted admittance to the United States? Will he be received at the White House? What is the secret of this man's strength? Every patriot should read the new book entitled "Trotsky", written by a former Russian Commissar. Price 25 cents, Defender Publishers.

"THE NIGHT is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light." *Romans 13:12.*

**CONGRESSMAN** Snell charges that the Roosevelt policy of spending \$2.00 for every \$1.00 received by the government, is carrying the nation into inflation. "The one basic thing that can save us", he said, "is elimination of governmental waste and extravagance."

**OMINOUS WORDS** uttered by Hugh Johnson: "Increased taxes sounds easy but it isn't. The turnip is dry. The Administration has only two real alternatives—to cut spending or to print money. If the price of Government bonds should take a serious nose dive, we would have a new bank holiday—or else. The assets of banks, trusts and insurance companies are loaded with them. The Government would almost certainly be forced to make them redeemable at par—in paper money—the ultimate spilling of the beans. That leaves only reduced spending. But isn't that political ruin? Is this the end of the rope?"

**IT IS** freely charged in Washington that the New Dealers are deliberately trying to curb recovery and throw the Nation into chaos. By governmental interference with business, and in helping to promote strikes through mob violence, they are said to believe the Country can be kept in turmoil until leaders get all of their so-called "emergency" legislation enacted, clothing the Presidency with dictatorial powers.

**ALL COMMUNISTS** share Roosevelt's hatred for the Supreme Court. The *Daily Worker*, official organ of the Communist Party, said at the beginning of the Court fight: "The landslide for Roosevelt in November was an overwhelming mandate for Roosevelt to destroy the powers of the Supreme Court. Today more than ever does the welfare of the American people and

their progress to more democracy and security demand the fulfillment of the Communists' slogan—For united struggle to end the autocratic powers of the Supreme Court."

**THE WORLD'S** richest gold deposits are in Russia. Slave labor produced 200 tons of the precious metal for the Country's Jewish rulers last year.

"REV." **FRED W. INGVLSTAD**, former Methodist preacher who was removed from both an Oklahoma pastorate and his denomination, for reasons well known to himself, his Bishop and congregation, has been traveling from city to city during recent months, telling audiences about the alleged "wonders" of Soviet Russia. Communists get great joy out of flouting the term "Reverend" in the face of Christians, when an apostate preacher becomes an exponent of their propaganda. The Communistic Magazine *Soviet Russia Today*, published in New York, announces that "Dr." Ingvolstad will guide their 48-day trip of tourists to Russia this summer.

**DR. RUDOLPH MALEK**, Pastor of the First Methodist Church, Aurora, Illinois, traveled ten thousand miles across Russia last year. He says: "The present Russian government killed millions, confiscated all private property, destroyed churches, killed peasants for worshipping God, and exiled people for trying to train their children in the truth about the Bible. They keep 160 million people in subjection and exploit their workers and peasants. I regard the Bolshevistic government as the most ruthless of dictatorships, and every Christian country should take the necessary steps to guard against their propaganda."

**DR. MALEK** continues: "I talked with an engineer who presents a typical new type Soviet worker. He is a graduate of an engineering school. He earns 400 rubles a month. He must pay 60 rubles for a shirt of simple, cheap material. . . . 200 rubles for a pair of shoes. . . . If he should desire a new suit of a shoddy material, he must pay 400 rubles. There is no other country in the world where the workers are so exploited, kept in ignorance and deprived of all liberties as in Soviet Russia."

**THE PUBLIC** can no longer secure rice in Russia because, according to inside sources, it is either being shipped to the Red armies of Spain or stored by Soviet leaders for use in the attack which they expect to launch against Japan or Germany in the near future.

**REV. GERALD L. K. SMITH** is forming a new organization, called

"The Committee of 1,000,000" to combat the spread of Communism in America. Headquarters have been established in New York City. Mr. Smith was formerly associated with Senator Huey P. Long.

**REV. DENIS FAHEY**, an Irish divine, has written a book, demonstrating that the Russian revolution was financed and directed by a group of international Jewish bankers. He submits documentary proof to show how the Red Menace has always been rooted in Jewish Capitalism. Mr. R. E. Edmondson, has reproduced the gist of these exposures in a pamphlet entitled "Jews Financed Russian Revolution"—price 5 cents, Defender Publishers.

**THERE** is a similarity: Committee for Industrial Organization—Communist International Organization.

**CHARGING** that Communism is directly responsible for the present wave of strikes in the United States and Canada, the Knights of Columbus recently launched what they call an "endless crusade" to defeat "the most damnable organization in the world."

**REFERRING** to the Communistic C. I. O. "sit down" strikes, Alfred P. Sloan of the General Motors Corporation says: "The past strike was not for better pay or shorter hours, but for domination. The public should consider what may happen if a few men gain dictatorships over America's industry without any responsibility attached except to themselves."

**WHEN** John Lewis was reported to have said that he was going to "raise hell" in the oil fields of Texas, 3,000 employees of Humble Refining Company, at Baytown, Texas, organized solidly against him under the leadership of W. A. Thomas, a former Methodist preacher. D. J. Sanders, who is associated with Mr. Thomas, says: "Affiliation with the C. I. O. will mean that you lose the free-born rights of American citizens if you pay your money to Lewis and his gangsters."

**NEW YORK'S** Rabbi W. F. Rosenblum is quoted in the daily press as condemning Al Smith for referring to the United States as "a Christian country". The Rabbi says that such remarks are "subversive doctrine". He also condemned G. U. Harvey, a New York official, for saying: "If I were Mayor, I would say to the police, 'Boys, get about three feet of rubber hose, and don't bring any of them Communists back to the station house'." The Rabbi released his broadside while speaking in the synagogue at 91st Street and Broadway.



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ments of political subversion.

In his letter to me, Mr. Cavert, quotes the constitution of the Council as professing faith in "Jesus Christ as Divine Lord and Saviour".

The exact words of the constitution, as adopted December 8, 1908 are as follows:

"Whereas, In the providence of God, the time has come when it seems fitting more fully to manifest the essential oneness of the Christian Churches of America in *Jesus Christ as their Divine Lord and Saviour*, and to promote the spirit of fellowship, service, and co-operation among them, the delegates to the Interchurch Conference on Federation, assembled in New York City, do hereby recommend the following Plan of Federation to the Christian bodies represented in this Conference for their approval.

"For the prosecution of work that can be better done in union than in separation, a Council is hereby established whose name shall be the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America."

The one clause—"Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour"—is the only reference to Christian doctrine in the entire constitution.

AND NOTHING IS SAID IN THE DOCUMENT TO MAKE EVEN THIS MEAGER REFERENCE BINDING, UPON THE NUMEROUS BUREAUCRATS, WHO LIKE MR. CAVERT, PRESIDE OVER THE ORGANIZATION'S AFFAIRS.

In other words, a man may hold an official position with the Federal Council today, and share in its payroll, without so much as subscribing to the belief that Jesus is *divine*.

This fact is plainly noted by the doctrinal attitude of Bishop Francis J. McConnell, who as president of the Federal Council of Churches during the years 1928 to 1932, wrote in his book "The Christ-like God": "Is not the tendency to deify Jesus more heathen than Christian? Are we not more truly Christian when we cut loose from a heathen propensity and take Jesus simply for the character He was and for the ideal that He is?"

Moreover, the word *divine*, as used in the Council's constitution, is too general to satisfy true Bible-believing Christians who are familiar with the Modernistic trick of attaching new meanings to old theological terms. For instance — A noted Liberal preacher has said: "I believe Jesus Christ was divine in the sense all men are divine."

Think of it! An organization professing to represent twenty million Protestant Christians, with no clear cut statement of doctrine!

"Jesus Christ as their Divine Lord and Saviour!" What about the Virgin Birth, the Blood Atonement, the Resurrection of Christ, the Fall of Man, the fact of Sin, the doctrine of the New Birth, Punishment and Rewards, the Second Coming of Christ, etc.

The various denominations could at least expect the men who represent

them, to profess faith in the Apostle's Creed.

I Timothy 4:1-3, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron."

## The Seat of Power

Church members whose money is being poured into the Federal Council year after year, should consider well the following clause in the constitution to which their leaders have subscribed:

"This Federal Council shall have no authority over the constituent bodies adhering to it; but its province shall be limited to the expression of its counsel and the recommending of a course of action in matters of common interest to the churches, local councils, and individual Christians."

This is *authority without responsibility* — authority to represent the churches; authority to express opinions for the denominations; authority to formulate plans which often violate the wishes of pastors and laymen; authority to mould church policies; authority to advocate birth control in the name of Christianity; authority to promote Socialism; authority to publish filthy pamphlets on sex; authority to do as it pleases without being held responsible for the havoc wrought by its innovations!

The average Church member understands little or nothing about the mechanics, the inner workings, of this organization which he helps to support.

The actual Federal Council, consisting of a few hundred persons, meets quadrennially. But behind this inno-

cent looking front there is a small and powerful group known as the Executive Committee. Behind the Executive Committee there is an even smaller and more powerful group called the Administrative Committee.

And behind the Administrative Committee, the core of the Council will be found. It is from this ultimate center, beyond the labyrinth of external appearances, that the stream of religious and political radicalism pours forth, which serves year after year as a blight upon our Churches, Homes, Schools and system of democratic government.

The high salaried bureaucrats of this Protestant Papacy, have built up an organizational network which now covers the entire nation. Scarcely a church, even though it be located in an isolated place out at the crossroads, can hope to escape its benumbing influence.

An official history of the organization, written back as far as 1917, says: "Much effort was given to the development of state and local federations, the nation being divided into districts in charge of district secretaries."

When Dean Shailer Mathews, one of the most virulent Modernist leaders of our time, was President of the Federal Council in the year 1916, he admitted "that the Council might become bureaucratic, and put in the hands of a small group of men power to set forth their own ideals and impressions under the guise of a representation which at the best can only be imperfect."

Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, a recognized authority on subversive movements says:

"The Federal Council's claim that it — Turn To Page 6.

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represents the will of 20 million Protestant Church members is ridiculous. Members do no voting on the policies of this council. Delegates meet about once in every four years. The executive committee meets once a year. In the interim, an administrative committee of 28, largely appointed by the council's president, issues radical pronouncements in favor of birth control, disarmament, negro social equality, League of Nations and World Court; and against deportation or exclusion of alien Reds. The Federal Council admittedly violates the American Ideal of separation of Church and State."

## Supported by Jews

Mr. Demarest Lloyd said in an address before the University of Virginia on July 9, 1935:

"There has been an interlocking board of directorates all the way from the Federal Council of Churches to the most extreme Communists. Chapter and verse were furnished by Major General Amos A. Fries at a hearing before the House Immigration Committee on the Griffin Bill, January 26, 1932."

When Mr. Cavert denies that his organization is being prostituted by its leaders for "radical" political purposes, there are thousands of Christian patriots who stand ready to take issue with him.

Hon. L. V. Ulrey, former State Senator of Indiana recently stated:

"In the opinion of this writer, the chief radicals are those self-appointed individuals who collectively work through the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America as a screen from behind which to 'snipe' at Christian orthodoxy and our system of government; and such bright and shining lights of radicalism as Bishop McConnell and Rev. Harry F. Ward; and Rev. John Haynes Holmes, a sort of religious maverick who still clings to the fringes of Christian respectability, and the same who, according to recent press dispatches, prayed for the speedy triumph of Communism.

"There are hundreds and thousands of lesser red lights who seek to reflect the great Red Glow of Moscow in American CHURCH CIRCLES."

The late Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, another outstanding figure in the Modernistic circles of the Country, said: "The

day is past when any realm of our economic, industrial, social, political, or international life, will be regarded as outside the sphere of responsibility of the churches."

Dr. Cadman was President of the Federal Council during the years 1924 to 1928.

Henry B. Joy, whose penetrating exposures have often brought consternation to the little group in New York who dominate the hierarchy, said on August 7, 1936:

"The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America is largely screened and protected from proper and fair public press criticism and frank discussion of its undesirable political machinations by three words in its very high sounding title, namely, 'CHURCHES OF CHRIST'."

"If its title were, 'Federal Council of America' it would be more appropriate. Funds it might collect, though probably less in amount, could then honestly be expended for political activities because not gathered under the guise of religious work."

ON PAGE 8 OF A BOOKLET RECENTLY WRITTEN BY MR. CAVERT, HE ADMITS THAT WEALTHY JEWS ARE REGULAR CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SUPPORT OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL.

While professing to represent the Churches of the United States, only about one-fourth of the organization's financial support actually comes from the denominations. Mr. Cavert does not publish exact figures in his booklet. He is willing for the public to have only, what he calls, "round numbers."

Thus, he reports that the Churches contribute \$55,000 a year, while \$145,000 comes in from other sources.

Many church members will be surprised to hear of Jews supplying money for the support of this "Christian" enterprise. But this is not strange, considering that there is perfect agreement between Jews and Modernists as to the Person of Jesus Christ.

Both say that He was a bastard. Both deny His deity and blood atonement. Neither believe that He arose from the dead and is coming again. Neither accept the doctrine of the new birth or any other distinctly Christian fundamental.

## Mr. Cavert's Personal Record

When Mr. Cavert writes me the kind

of a letter which he wrote on May 4, 1937, denying the charge of "radicalism" in his ranks, I am forced to insist that he shall look AT HIS OWN RECORD.

(1) I remind him that he is one of the endorsers of the subversive "Lane Pamphlet", the circulation of which was financed by the "Garland Free Love Fund."

(2) I remind him that he collaborated in preparing the notorious "Sex Pamphlet" put out recently by the Federal Council of Churches, concerning which Major General Fries declares:

"Anyone reading the whole pamphlet cannot fail to get the idea that when all is said and done, sexual intercourse is a personal matter and if two want to indulge therein it is nobody else's business . . . Had this pamphlet come out of Russia direct, as one of their means of breaking down all morality, the family, and the home, as the final step toward Communism, we would have felt it well qualified to carry out the intent of its authors."

On the subject of birth control, this filthy Pamphlet says: "This report contemplates only the use of contraceptives by married people, the facts stated however are of universal interest and apply with still more significance to sexual intercourse outside of marriage."

Think of it! This abominable filth published in the name of America's churches!

(3) I remind Mr. Cavert that a few weeks ago, he helped to write and caused to be published, a booklet entitled "Spain", which is purely a defense of the Communist movement of that Country.

And according to the front cover of this treatise, he wrote NOT as a private individual, but in his official capacity as "Executive Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches."

Mr. Cavert is in position to know that the Red armies of Spain are fighting under direct orders from Moscow.

He is in position to know that the underground work, leading up to the Country's bloody revolution, was done by the savage Jew Bela Kun, who was sent there from Soviet Russia for that purpose.

He is in position to know that Marcel Rosenberg, Moscow's Jewish Ambassador to Madrid, actually dictates the

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policies of the so-called "Loyalist government."

In the light of these, and many other facts which could be related, the following phrase from Mr. Cavert's letter becomes meaningless:

"Again, an article in The Defender describes the Federal Council as 'bringing many radical and anti-Christian groups into a political alliance.' This statement is entirely false."

## Helping the Reds

The Council's work, in assisting the many subversive organizations which are sponsoring *professional pacifism*, is a further contradiction of the above statement by Mr. Cavert.

Constant complaints reach the Federal Council offices in New York, condemning its activities in this field. Extreme pacifists are gaining a strong foothold in many religious bodies through the efforts of Mr. Cavert and his colleagues.

It is part of the propaganda program sent out from Moscow to demand that the public defense of the United States be broken down, while Soviet Russia goes on building the most powerful military machine the world has ever known.

The Federal Council need not be organically related to the Third International; it need not receive a letter every Monday morning from Joseph Stalin, in order to be guilty of promoting Communistic objectives on American soil. It only needs to continue the pernicious program for which it has already become famous.

On page 7 of his pamphlet Mr. Cavert offers these comforting and flattering remarks to gladden the hearts of Reds everywhere:

"Of course it may happen that the Federal Council will be working for certain objectives which non-church organizations also hold. To be specific, the Federal Council is working vigorously, in its own way and through its own channels, for international peace. If Communists are also working for international peace, then one must be grateful."

Mr. Cavert is in position to know that the Soviet propagandists are not sincere in their cry for peace. He must know that when his organization co-operates with them on any policy, it is helping to undermine the Nation's national character.

## Dr. Holt

Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, a Methodist Minister of St. Louis, is President of the

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Federal Council at the present time. The kind of leadership which Christians may expect of this man is disclosed in the following verbatim press dispatch, from Memphis, Tennessee, as published in the Communist *Daily Worker* of January 8, 1936:

"The Methodist Young People's Conference, with 5,000 delegates in attendance, took a sharp turn to the left in its closing sessions.

"THE SOVIET UNION WAS HIGHLY PRAISED BY DR. IVAN LEE HOLT, PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA.

"Dr. Kirby Page, noted fighter for peace, told the convention that young people should resist the compulsory Reserve Officers' Training Corps — even if it means expulsion from college.

"Dr. Holt defended the Soviet Union from attack. He declared that the aims of the dictatorship of the proletariat in Russia 'was the establishment of a better life. The Russian government does not propose to do this through exploiting someone else, but through raising the general level of all. It is difficult to find youth anywhere in this world more devoted to the cause of Christ than you'll find the youth of Russia devoted to Stalin and his new social order.'

"He warned the older generation that 'among most of the youth of the world today there is a desire for a change . . . many preferring revolution.

"Youth is willing to die for a new order.

"We adults have made our mistakes. We have not given the present generation a good machine with tools and instructions to keep it going — we have given youth a broken down machine and no tools."

The *Daily Worker*, in which the above statement was published, carries these words on its front-page "Central Organ Communist Party U.S.A. (Section of Communist International)."

There are no grounds for supposing that the *Worker* falsified in reporting Dr. Holt's words, for the reason that he made no denial following their appearance.

While this Communist newspaper never hesitates to publish deliberate lies about its enemies, yet it knows how to guard the interests of its friends.

There is no valid reason for supposing that it would desire to injure Dr. Holt, for certainly the Federal Council can not be regarded as its enemy.

## Birds and Nests

Our Lord sketched the future of the Church on earth by the use of seven parables, recorded in the thirteenth chapter of Saint Matthew's Gospel.

Each of these word-pictures dealt with a different phase of the growth, development and posterity of this, the greatest institution on earth. The third parable, that the *mustard seed*, is especially applicable in the present crisis through which the Church of Jesus Christ is passing.

"Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: Which indeed is the least of all seeds; but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof."

The mustard bush starts with a small beginning, a tiny, infinitesimal seed. It grows into a large tree.

In like manner, the Church began with only twelve members, but its branches now reach to the ends of the earth. It touches every stratum of human society.

Birds of the air could lodge and build nests in the boughs of the mustard tree. Every Bible expositor knows that this part of the parable refers to the presence of *evil forces* within the confines of the Church.

Hideous nests have been built in the branches of the mustard tree.

From these centers "spiritual wickedness in high places" comes forth, to weaken and demoralize the Testimony of Jesus Christ in the world. In these nests, all manner of pernicious teachings are hatched, which lead men away from God.

Our Lord, in His wisdom, anticipated the coming of ecclesiastical leaders into the Church whose hearts would be calloused — whose souls would be devoid of spiritual light.

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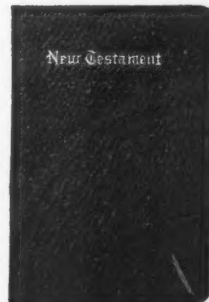
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# "How Long, O Lord"

By Rev. John Jacob, Chicago, Illinois

**T**WENTY years ago, in May, 1917, I had just returned from the Russian-German war-front to Moscow.

The alien Communists, who like vultures, had flocked into Russia from the ghettos of Europe and New York City, were doing their best to despoil our war-torn Country.

The rank and file of the Russian army, tired and hopeless from fighting, and incited by professional agitators, was deserting in masses. The young Kerensky government of the recently created Republic was frantically struggling in the grip of international Bolshevism.

The Liberal and Socialistic elements had provoked a revolutionary atmosphere. But the Russians themselves, under the spell of the "internationalists", had not foreseen that World Bolshevism would dump every available subversionist into the Country; that these foreign Jews, joining hands with the radical Jews of Russia, would engage in wrecking every honest effort to save the already deeply wounded nation.

MANY PEOPLE STILL THINK THAT COMMUNISM ORIGINATED WITH THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE. NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH.

A secret ring of occult Jews, whose vicious organization had been for many years working beneath the surface, has brought my native land down to its present level. Only the Devil knows why they ever selected Russia as the testing ground for their hellish program of international rebellion.

## Puzzling Questions

As I returned from the war front,

I found bloody revolts and disorders had become every day occurrences. On the day of my departure for home, a mob incited by Communist agitators, killed the most honest and honorable army officer I had ever met in that sector.

He had prohibited the looting of a distillery. Agitators from the Trotsky (Bronstein) Soviet, in Petrograd, had told the mob that this man was an enemy of the people; that he was merely interested in protecting the rich. The idea of "property rights" meant nothing to the Trotsky gang.

As a result of this agitation the officer was tied to the tail of a horse. The ruffians then lashed the horse into a wild fury and let it run into the woods, with the officer helplessly dangling on the ground.

While the body was being mangled into pulp, the mob looted the distillery. Liquor was distributed in food containers; hundreds became intoxicated and at least twenty persons died on the spot, from having drank too much.

*Sitting on the train, on my way back to Moscow, I was trying to figure out how things like that could happen.* The Country was now liberated from the Czar's regime which had plunged it into the War.

And yet, wherever people were honestly trying to establish freedom and liberty on a sane basis, some Jew or cohort of a Jew, would step in and oppose the efforts; he would get himself elected into some sort of a revolutionary office by the criminal elements of the Country, and would thus promote anarchy.

"Is it possible," I asked myself, "that these Jews do not see the chance to better their relations with the Rus-

sian people? Are they blind to the fact that the nation hopes to establish a truly democratic regime? Why are they resisting every attempt to preserve order? Why do they try to turn loose the criminal elements of 160 million people? Even if they succeed in gaining control of the Russian people, can't they realize that some day a terrible reaction will be aroused against them?"

I could not find satisfactory answers to such questions in those days. My parents had taught me to respect the soul in every human being and never to despise anyone because of nationality.

During my work at the war front I had rented a room from a fine Jewish family and knew that not all Jews were alike. I knew that the truly God-fearing Jew was as puzzled as the Gentile, when seeing the havoc which Trotsky, Zinoviev, Lunatcharsky and the hundreds of other Jewish agitators were creating.

## A Christian Woman's Suffering

When I reached Moscow I was told that I would have to wait for a week or more to finish the business I had come to transact. Having nothing in particular to do, I decided to pay a hurried visit to the home of a friend who lived a short distance from the city.

This elderly lady was the widow of a prominent and very rich noble, and the most sincere Christian I have ever known in my life. For a number of years she had been compelled to live in a wheel-chair due to paralysis. Yet, from early morning until late into the night, her thoughts were always with the poor peasants who were living on her lands.

I do not know of any other village in Russia where the land owner had paved the streets, installed electricity, built schools and hospitals for the population, paying for everything from his own income. This friend of mine turned every penny she could spare, back to the people who lived in her locality.

As a result of the revolution, she had lost everything but the house in which she was living when I called to visit her. Yet she was not resenting the loss of her property.

"If the leaders of the revolution would only use it for the benefit of the peasants," she complained. "But they don't; the poor people are being terrorized by mobs of criminals which come here from Moscow, and everything good in the community is being destroyed."

Upon my return to Moscow I told a friend of mine about the situation in the country. This friend was a prominent Socialist, and very close to the government. "We Russians," he answered, "are powerless. We talk and talk, not realizing that we are being strangled to death by designing aliens

## Please Have Mercy On An Orphan!

Recently we received a very touching letter from one of the Christian families in Russia. This letter was an expression of gratitude for some new clothing sent to them. Here it is:

Dear Brother Pleshko:

*We received your package and every article mentioned in your letter was in it. Thank you for your gracious gift. May the Lord bless you. We have a ten year old orphan in our home whose father died in exile and whose mother died at home. When we opened the package and she saw that there was nothing for her, she wept and said that you had forgotten her. Please, dear Brother Pleshko, have mercy on this orphan; send her some clothing and shoes.*

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## and their helpers, THE OUTCASTS OF OUR POPULATION ARE BECOMING OUR MASTERS".

In July of that year I resigned from military service and went home. Living in South Russia I lost contact with the friend I had visited near Moscow.

But I met her niece in 1922 and learned what had become of the paralyzed matron: After Trotsky and his band of fellow Jews had taken over Moscow, the old lady was thrown out of her home. Her peasants intervened in her behalf. As a result, a small room was given to her in the hospital she had built.

However, the persecutions did not cease. She endured unbearable treatment a short time and became insane. She remained in this condition eighteen months before being released by the hand of death.

### Destroyers of Women

Shortly after my return from military service another close friend, a Mr. D. Dick and his wife, were murdered by an advancing gang of Trotsky's Red soldiers.

Mr. Dick was a Christian of considerable means. A band of Communists broke into his home. Without trial or explanation they shot him and his wife. A married daughter, herself a mother of two little children, had to witness the shooting of her parents.

The inhuman devils then pointed their guns at the heads of the young mother's two babies and threatened to shoot them unless she willingly submitted to them. Seven men then violated this Christian woman in the presence of her children. Among them were men with syphilis and other social diseases.

The Red army never tried to prosecute, or even to investigate this and thousands of similar cases.

IN FACT, THE JEWS WHO GUIDED THE REVOLUTION ENCOURAGED ALL SUCH IMMORAL ACTS, FREQUENTLY TURNING HUNDREDS OF MORONS, CHINAMEN AND OTHER FOREIGN ELEMENTS LOOSE UPON THE FEMININE POPULATION OF WHOLE COMMUNITIES. SUCH IS REVOLUTION!

It soon became evident that it was not the Russian radical Jew alone who was at work in the Country. It became clear that International Bolshevism had made Russia its base of operations, and that the Red slaughter was merely a training camp for the World revolution which Trotsky and his followers were then organizing.

I managed to escape from Russia a few years later.

### Outcasts Become Masters

Traveling through the Balkans, Central and Western Europe, I again and again came upon the same type of agitators that I had known in Soviet Russia. They were using the very tactics which had plunged my native land into a sea of blood.

"Is the world blind and deaf?" I asked myself. "Is there any one who still believes in Communism and Socialism

as a solution of the social and economic ills of the earth? Are honest idealists and Liberals actually hoping that any good can result from reforms which are produced by murder, rape, torture and terror? Do they expect that future generations will forgive and forget the crimes of the present rulers of Russia?"

A few years later I came to the United States and found a new home here. During these years I have watched World Bolshevism subtly undermine every fundamental principle of American life.

Again and again I am reminded of the words of my Russian friend, the Socialist: "We talk and talk, not realizing that we are being strangled by designing aliens and their helpers. The outcasts of our population are becoming our masters."

How well does this apply to the Liberals who are now caught in the net of Soviet propaganda which has been spread over the United States by the Moscow Jewish Executive Committee of "Kaganovitch, Finkelstein and Company"!

November 28, 1936 the international organization known as the "Friends of Soviet Russia", which has a branch here in the United States, sent a telegram to the eighth Special All-Union Congress of Soviets.

Excerpts from this message are as follows: "Adoption of the Soviet Constitution following unprecedented democratic discussion is an event rousing profound hope and inspiration in the hearts of all believers in democracy, human freedom and the rights of peoples. . . . In the struggle for the defense of peace and democracy the

*Soviet Union is the acknowledged hope of the world. Heartiest greetings in the name of millions of friends of the Soviet Union throughout the world."*

With the above words, the Red executioners of millions of Christians are praised as friends of "democracy".

Democracy! What a lie! My Russian people do not have the faintest glimpse of democracy. The Moscow rulers are the greatest autocrats, and the wealthiest economic royalists, the world has ever known.

To us who have seen the ghastly face of Jewish Communism at close range, it seems impossible that people can believe in such vicious propaganda and deliberate lies. That sound-minded men and women do not see the dangers of flirting with Moscow, and that the new so-called Constitution is nothing but an advertising stunt to impress the outside world, causes us amazement.

### Greek Priest Speaks

Notice, for instance, the following tricky language of the "Constitution"—Section 124:

"In order to ensure the citizens freedom of conscience, the church in the U.S.S.R. is separated from the State, and the School from the Church. FREEDOM OF RELIGIOUS CULTS AND FREEDOM TO CONDUCT ANTI-RELIGIOUS PROPAGANDA IS GRANTED TO ALL CITIZENS."

Propagandists in the United States have shouted from the house-tops that this means "religious liberty" in Russia, but such is decidedly NOT the case.

On the contrary, the subtle wording of No. 124 shows that there is not a

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**"HOW LONG."**

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trace of religious freedom in the Country. Christianity is based upon the preaching of the Gospel, and the discussion of religion. The authors of the Constitution know this, and therefore permit only ANTI-RELIGIOUS PROPAGANDA. Religious propaganda is forbidden; the preaching of sermons is regarded as "religious propaganda". This alone is enough to explode their lie!

Moreover, the government maintains an official department, headed by "Comrade" Smirdovitch, the son of a Rabbi, whose duty it is to stamp out all forms of Christian worship. No wonder, therefore that the activities of the League of Militant Godless have been greatly augmented since the so-called "Constitution" was written, and that the merciless extermination of Christian believers is in no way being interrupted.

Though much has been said and written about this *Slaughter of the Innocents*, there remains much more that must be told. I have before me the full text of a letter written by the Archimandrit Eugenius (this name, and the others mentioned in the letter quoted below, are names of churchmen in the Greek Orthodox Church J. J.) The letter was written on November 3, 1936 and addressed to the Synod of Bishops in Jugo-Slavia.

"In February of this year," the noted churchman writes, "I have now returned from Soviet Russia where I lived during the last 22 years. I consider it my duty to report to the Synod about the fate of the martyrs which shared exile with me. . . . In 1920 I was convicted as a 'minister of cults'. I spent a year in the prison of Rostov.

"During the following ten years, and after my first term in prison, I was convicted for past religious work again and again and served time in the prisons of Ekaterinodar, Stavropol, Krapotkin and Rostov. In 1932 I was again convicted at Rostov. I was always accused of being a 'priest counter-revolutionary'. Before my eyes, the following men were shot: Metropolitan Seraphim Mezherikov, Probst Dimitry Pishov, Probst Karp Shubkov and Archbishop Alexander Bjelosorow; Probst Feodor Salmikov died of hunger.

"At Rostov, in the prisons of the GPU (secret police of the Soviets), 120 other priests and religious workers were shot while I was there.

"In November of the same year, I was sent into the prison camp of the town Kotlas on the North Dvina river. Our transports consisted of 10,000 men. Every day, corpses were taken from the train cars and buried like cattle on the road side. After a time we were given bread rations, and the cars were

locked again. It is hard to visualize to oneself all the horrors which are everyday occurrences in that land of 'culture'.

"We arrived at Kotlas after eight days of travel. From there we were forced to march for thirteen days through snow and severe weather, day and night, until we reached the springs of the North Dvina river. OF THE 10,000 WHICH HAD BEEN STARTED FOR KOTLAS ONLY 3,000 ARRIVED ALIVE, all others having perished as victims of these tyrants of the twentieth century. The total number of exiles in that district was about 300,000.

"About a month later, I was transferred into the prison camp of Maryinsk, Tomsk region, where 400,000 exiles were living.

"In 1932 the Archbishop Afanasy Starobelsky was shot in the Kharkov prison. He had refused to deal with the hypocritical Metropolitan Sergius of Moscow—the churchman who enjoys the confidence of the GPU, as head of the skeleton which remains of the former Russian Church.

"The following were shot in the prison of Krasnoyarsk in 1934: Bishop Philip Grumilovsky, Archimandrit Polichrony Zaprudov, Probst Konstantin Ordinsky and priest Nicolai Katzanov; Bishop Feofil of Krasnodar, after prolonged tortures, committed suicide in his cell."

Then the writer names thirteen other well known churchmen who were at the time of his writing, suffering inhumanly in the prison camp of Maryinsk. "Some of them," he relates, "serve prison terms the third time for the same sentence. Having been sentenced twice, and after having spent eight years in prison, they are again made to serve ten more years. It is impossible to describe the living conditions to which many hundreds of thousands of innocent Christian people are subjected in Russia.

"I was released from the Soviet 'paradise' thanks to the fact that I am a citizen of Greece. A group of Communists in Greece had been arrested, and were exchanged by the Greek government for Greek citizens living in Soviet Russia."

**Christmas in a Cell**

"But this", the many Friends of Soviet Russia will object, "was before the proclamation and adoption of the so-called Constitution. Today everything is different." But is it?

The *New York Times* of May 2, 1937 announces in big headlines "DRIVE ON RELIGION RENEWED IN RUSSIA—PRIESTS AND NUNS ARE REPORTED RENEWING ACTIVITY, CLAIMING RIGHT UNDER

**CONSTITUTION—PARTY LEADERS ALARMED."**

Communists are alarmed because the membership of the League of Militant Godless has dropped from five million four years ago, to the present two million. And priests, nuns, faithful men and women, are being made the scapegoats for the failure of the Communists to establish Communism as a religion. . . .

"Praise the Lord earth, and rejoice ye people, for He has come! I am constantly repeating these words to myself, and am trying to grasp the whole significance of it so I can forget, in a measure, the present sufferings which I am enduring."—These words, we find at the beginning of a letter smuggled out of Russia, from a Christian woman, Alexandra Andreyeva.

"Today is Christmas," she goes on. "Three months have passed since I was placed in this 'inner prison' of the GPU. We are four women in a small semi-dark cell. One of us is an old nun who only speaks when she whispers her prayers.

"It is so dark in our cell because they have fastened a metal sign in front of our window. No ray of sunshine ever reaches us. In the evening a dim bulb, outside the window illuminates the cell a little and shows this pitiful picture—four women stretched out or sitting on narrow hard benches. We are not permitted to sew, read, or even to talk aloud.

"We found out accidentally that today is Christmas. One of us, the wife of a former officer, was questioned. When she returned, she whispered that the calendar on the wall in the prosecutor's room had shown that today is Christmas. Now she is stretched out on her bench sobbing pitifully. . . .

"A wild shriek pierces the silence. We shudder, and my dreams are ended. 'Comrades' calls a desperate man's voice; he continues to plead 'Oh comrades!' In cell Number 43 the guards are beating and torturing a man.

"The voice suddenly breaks off as if a rough hand has pressed the mouth shut. . . . Then silence again. After a little time we hear distinctly that something heavy is falling. Something is being dragged past our door. 'Bind him tighter,' a gruff voice commands. 'Bring that son of a dog into the punitive cell.' And silence once more. . . ."

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## Let Trojanovsky Deny These Facts

Again, I suppose that Mr. A. A. Trojanovsky, the Soviet Ambassador in Washington, and others will say that these are things of the recent past; that Soviet Russia is today the most tolerant Country in the world.

They will tell us that thoughtless propaganda has provoked such crimes. That today anti-religious propaganda is eradicating religion through education, by convincing people of its absurdity.

They will also insist that it is strictly prohibited to persecute religious people; that the Soviet government is so kind that it will not allow even the enemies of Communism to become "martyrs".

And again they are lying! The leaders have no thought of stopping the slaughter of the faithful in the Country.

**BEGINNING WITH STALIN, EVERY SOVIET OFFICIAL OF ANY IMPORTANCE MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE OF MILITANT GODLESS.** The official magazine of the League, *"The Godless"*, tells us in its February 1937 issue:

"... The new Constitution gave the Ministers of cults the right to vote, which up to now was prohibited to them. Now Priests and other Ministers of religion have the right to participate in the election of the Soviet administration; to participate in the meetings of citizens and to voice their suggestions."

The thought of voting in Russia is silly. Russia is a vast prison. Imagine prisoners voting on any subject contrary to the wishes of their guards, officers and police. *The Godless* continues:

"Does this mean that our attitude toward religion, Ministers of cults, has changed in any respect? ... Indeed not!"

And it certainly has not changed a bit! In the January issue of the magazine, the leader of the Godless, a Jew named Jaroslavsky, calls attention to the meaning of religious freedom in Soviet Russia. "... No doubt," he writes, "that part of the Ministers of cults are interpreting the Constitution broadly, and in their own favor. They do not seem to have noticed that the Constitution, while granting the citizens the right to perform religious cults, gives every citizen the right to conduct anti-religious propaganda." Mr. Jaroslavsky had the last sentence printed in italic type.

AND STILL, IN SPITE OF TWENTY YEARS OF BRUTAL TORTURE, MOSCOW REALIZES THAT THERE IS RELIGION, DEEP RELIGION, IN THE SOUL OF RUSSIA.

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## Why Peter Wept

By William Coleman, Dayton, Ohio

**"AND Peter went out and wept bitterly." Luke 22:62.**

There are times in the lives of most of us when the memory of something we have done, some awful misdeed of the sorry past, rushes in upon our souls with overwhelming force.

Conscience and memory unite in accusatory strain, and the realization of what we have done, and that nothing we can say or do will erase it, opens the flood-gates of our hearts and we mourn as a dove.

Such a time had come in the life of Peter. Painfully he remembered the supper of a few short hours ago, how he had sat at the table with the Master, and had drunk of the wine and eaten of the broken bread. Had listened to the solemn yet mysterious declaration made by the Lord — something about the wine being His blood and the bread His body.

What could He have meant?

And then, after supper, the Man of Sorrows had risen, Peter remembered with a wince, and laying aside His garments, girded Himself with a towel. *Was this a symbol of how He had laid aside His garments of royalty, immortality, and Light Unapproachable, to gird Himself with human flesh, the seed of Abraham, as a servant?*

Peter recalled how, amid his own boisterous expostulations, the Most High Himself had sounded the depths of humility when He bent to wash the feet of others. He would never have submitted to such a condescension on the part of his Lord except for that cryptic remark: "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me."

There was something about those words which sounded ominous to Peter unless he yielded the point. And the hymn they had sung — Peter's tears flowed afresh as the words echoed and reechoed through his memory; he remembered how close in spirit he had

felt to his Lord at that time. And now. . .

Sometimes we sit at the table of the Lord and are partakers of the wine and the bread, both literally and mystically. Our "old bottles" are filled to capacity with new wine, and the joyful swellings inside, and the delightful sensations, cause us to feel as though we were going to burst from sheer ecstasy! And the Bread we feed upon is that "which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die."

As we sing the songs of Zion our spirits soar unfettered, unconfined, for "He hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Such fellowship with the saints and communion of the Holy Ghost is blessed indeed, and serves to strengthen us and to fortify us against the dark days to come. For "If a man live many years and rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many."

**"The Flesh is Weak"**

Peter's mind traveled on in bitter retrospection.

After the hymn, they had gone out to the Mount of Olives where they often resorted for privacy, prayer and seclusion. As they passed under the shadows of the gnarled olive trees the Lord had remarked, "All ye shall be offended because of me this night."

Peter remembered the strange sadness with which his Master had uttered these words, and which, no doubt,

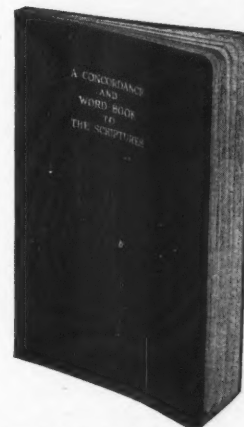
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PETER.

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was the cause of his loyal and impulsive response: "I am ready to go with Thee both into prison, and to death."

How heedless and hasty he had been! And the Lord had said something about Satan desiring to have him, Peter, that he might sift him as wheat. Peter's throat choked as he realized now what the Lord had meant.

All too often we, like Peter, rise up in the congregation of the righteous and loudly and confidently declaim that we are ready to follow our Savior whithersoever He leadeth. We sing: "I'll go with Him, with Him, all the way."

We believe, with James and John, that we are able to drink of the cup that our Lord drinks of, and to submit to the same baptism. But wait until we receive a taste of the prison, wait until the iron bars of circumstances shut us out from the fellowship of the saints and we face alone the terrors by night and the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and feel in solitude the arrow that flieth by day.

Further, wait until we face the dreadful prospect of being crucified to all that we naturally hold most dear, a death that is so real, so terrifying in aspect, that the soul, when led into it by God's providences, cries out in deepest anguish, "I am crucified with Christ!"

Wait until the long cherished idols of self, however innocent they seem, begin to fall and crumble according to the all-wise purpose of Him Who worketh all things after the counsel of His own immutable will. Finally, wait until we feel ourselves slipping helplessly away into the valley of the shadow of death where dwells the pale horse and his fearful rider, wait until then, and if our life is still consonant with our testimony, then we can truly say with Peter, "I am ready to lay down my life for Thy sake."

Sorrowfully Peter remembered the scene in the garden.

His Master had felt so burdened, so

oppressed with some awful sorrow, that He had separated Himself from His disciples and had proceeded on alone into the fastness of the garden. "Tarry ye here and watch," had been His low-voiced instructions to those left behind. And Peter — there in the dim shadows cast by a spectral moon — had gone to sleep!

So had James and John, but they had not been as forward in asserting their undying allegiance as he had. Peter recalled how the Lord had returned, probably desiring a bit of human support and sympathy in His great sorrow, and had found them sleeping; and Peter, half roused, had heard Him murmur sadly as if to Himself, "Simon, sleepest thou? Couldst not thou watch one hour?" Then, sighing deeply, He added as though in extenuation for His delinquent disciples, "The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak." And Peter with heavy eyes, not sure he wasn't dreaming, had slipped off into oblivion again.

### "Afar Off"

The next thing he remembered was a medley of excited voices.

All was confusion: flickering torches, lanterns and rattling staves in the hands of a milling multitude, with Judas himself in the vanguard. Peter grasped his sword firmly, resolving to sell his life as dearly as possible in defense of his Lord and thus make good his boast. One wild swing and off had come the ear of Malchus, servant to the high priest.

As Peter had been about to swing again, the calm unperturbed voice of the Lord had arrested him and had bidden him put his sword into its sheath. Peter recalled how perplexed he had been; if he was not to fight then what was he to do, and as rough hands laid hold of his blessed Lord he, in company with other disciples, had fled in bewilderment and consternation. With this exception — "And Peter followed afar off."

Better to follow *afar off* than not to follow at all, thought Peter bitterly.

When we have followed our precious

Bridegroom as closely as Peter had done, so closely that our souls have communed with Him in sweetest intimacy, and tender secrets have been exchanged and endearments whispered over and over again, and we have familiarly conversed with Him as a lover converses with his beloved, and then for some reason we cease following Him and sit down, as Peter did, it is a natural consequence that we fall asleep, for inertia begets slumber. And while our souls are sleeping, the Saviour seems to withdraw Himself about a stone's cast away.

Unhappy the soul that finds itself thus separated from its Divine Companion; it is forbidden to partake of the joys and pleasures of this world, and since the Saviour is gone, with Him has gone its happiness, for in His presence is fulness of joy and at His right hand there are pleasures forevermore.

Peter was jarred into wakefulness when the clamorous multitude bore down upon them. But no matter what direful eventuality or circumstance it may be that occasions our awakening, still it is an expression of the infinite mercy of God if it causes us to follow, even "*afar off*."

### "Peter Wept Bitterly"

Peter, standing there in the dim dawn, quite forgetful of the cold, heard the cock crow again. The sound tore at his heart strings.

Would his Master ever forgive him? Could this Man — this God-Man — Who seemed able to forgive any wrong committed against Him, forgive even this? What was it Peter had heard Him say about forgiving until seventy times seven?

But no one had ever sinned against Him as *he* had done! Why, he had stood there in the courtyard and hotly denied that he had ever known this friendless Man of Galilee.

Nay, more than this, he had even cursed and sworn in the heat of his denial. Just when a word would have done the most good — oh, if he had only been courageous enough to face these cruel men who had dogged his Master to death and boldly declare, "Yes, I know Him; His greatest crime is that He went about doing good." If Jesus had only heard him say that, instead of what He actually heard!

But the Master had been hustled through the courtyard at just the opportune time to overhear Peter's third denial. And hearing, He had turned and looked upon Peter.

Peter knew now that he would never forget that look. If He had turned and loudly denounced Peter, Peter believed he would have felt better. But this Man acquainted with grief had only looked at him compassionately, sorrowfully, as though He somehow understood, and then was dragged away.

In his contrition Peter had wanted to break through the crowd, run after Him and fall at His feet, and there implore forgiveness.

The moment passed, the impulse vanished, and as somewhere out of the dark the cock crowed again, "Peter went out, and wept bitterly."



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# A Scoffer Of The Last Days

By Rev. L. P. Buroker, Mt. Vernon, Indiana

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days **SCOFFERS**, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation". 2 Peter 3:3-4.

Few men are more straightforward than the Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick, noted pastor of New York City's aristocratic Riverside Church.

Long a storm center in the Fundamentalist - Modernist controversy, Mr. Fosdick has no patience whatever with the New Testament doctrine of the second coming of Christ and says so in plain, simple, understandable language quite incapable of creating confusion in the minds of any save those who are determined no man's speech shall be made to mean what he definitely and positively asserts it does mean.

In fairness to Mr. Fosdick it must be said that he is far more honest and open about his beliefs and unbeliefs than some of his supposed friends are about him, and his theological views. I once heard Dr. Richard L. Shipley, editor of a prominent denominational magazine, vehemently declare that most of the quotations used against the noted New York divine are unfair to him in that they do not properly represent his views.

"I have read Dr. Trumbull's quotations from Mr. Fosdick's writings and have checked them in the books from which they were taken, and at no time did Dr. Trumbull's quotations in the *Sunday School Times* properly represent Mr. Fosdick's views", said this editor.

"Dr. Trumbull chose those passages in which Mr. Fosdick was stating an attitude or theological position not necessarily his own. But in each instance Dr. Trumbull presented them as statements of Mr. Fosdick's own belief and teaching".

It occurred to me that what was needed on some of these issues was a direct answer to a direct question. With this in mind, I addressed the following letter to the man who is the acknowledged representative Liberal of the nation.

Dear Dr. Fosdick:

I wonder if you would be good enough to use the enclosed envelope to give a young preacher some much needed assistance?

For the past several months I have been engaged in revival meetings, practically all of my campaigns being with churches in rural communities and in small towns. In these campaigns I have been confronted with a veritable deluge of questions, such as, "What do you think of the Second Coming of Christ?" and "Do you believe that Jesus is coming soon?"

I must confess that I little dreamed that there was such a widespread belief that Jesus was coming back. The preachers in the small churches, and their people seem to be literally possessed of the idea.

What do you think of it, and what should I do when confronted with the question?

Any assistance you give me in this matter will be very greatly appreciated.

Thanking you, I am,

Faternally,

(Signed) L. Peres Buroker

At this juncture it should be pointed out that this letter of inquiry is a strictly honest statement of the situation as I have found it among the churches where I have been privileged to lead in special services. No facts are mis-stated. I was surprised at the widespread expectancy I found of the return of the Lord—an expectancy I did my best to encourage. If Dr. Fosdick saw fit to regard me as a young preacher who should be snatched from the pitfalls of belief in the Bible, that was his responsibility, not mine! I am a young preacher.

His response was prompt and to the point. Bearing the date of April 21, 1936, it is sufficiently recent to be considered up-to-date.

And, if I may be pardoned the observation, I think the editor referred to above, together with the rest of the

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SCOFFER.

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royal order of scoffers, will have some difficulty in getting around his forthright candor. The letter follows:

Dear Mr. Buroker:

Of course I do not believe at all in the Second Coming of Christ, and you will find that matter treated in my book on The Modern Use of the Bible.

It was an early first century form of thought that arose among the Jews and was carried over among the early Christians, but as for there being anything intellectually serious or credible about it, that is, of course, I think, preposterous.

I do not know what you can do with people who insist that you must think in that realm. I should simply have to tell them that as for me that is impossible.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Harry E. Fosdick

It is not my present purpose to argue the issues raised by this perfectly plain statement from the eminent scoffer who occupies both the pulpit of the Riverside Church and a professor's chair in Union Theological Seminary, where he casts a blighting influence upon both ministers and missionaries going out from that institution. My one purpose is to put the man, once and for all, on record as a scoffer at the doctrine of the Second Coming of Christ.

In order that there might be no question or dispute about the subject matter under discussion, both my letter of inquiry and Dr. Fosdick's reply have been quoted in full. The inquiry was direct. His reply was no less direct.

The issue is plainly drawn and Dr. Fosdick has definitely placed himself on the side of those who repudiate the promise of the Lord to return, while admitting that such was the belief and teaching of the Church of New Testament times.

Since Dr. Fosdick expressly states

in his letter that there is nothing "intellectually serious or credible" about the Second Coming of Christ, and that it is, to use his own highly expressive word, "preposterous", and then refers me to his book, it will manifestly be no misrepresentation of his views to introduce a few more extended statements on the same subject from the book-form publication of his lectures before the students and faculty of the School of Religion at Yale University.

In his preface to the "Modern Use of the Bible", under date of May 3, 1924, Dr. Fosdick warns his readers as follows: "The position represented in this book will of course be distasteful to those bound by a theory of literal inerrancy in their approach to the Bible". And readers who are looking for numerous denials of the inspiration of the Scriptures are not disappointed.

It is in the fourth chapter that this scoffer gets around to stating his position with respect to the Second Coming of Christ. This is also the chapter in which he gives voice to his infidelity on several doctrines which he admits the Scriptures plainly teach.

The list of such repudiations of the simple language of the New Testament is much too long for inclusion, but a few are given here for the reason that they are connected doctrinally with the doctrine of the Lord's return.

No statement of the Bible is plainer than that of Paul to the effect that the dead in Christ shall be raised at the coming of the Lord. Dr. Fosdick is quick to admit that "The basis for this physical phrasing of immortality is plainly laid in the Bible". He is equally quick to say, "I believe in the persistence of personality through death, but I do not believe in the resurrection of the flesh".

Angels announced the birth of the long awaited Messiah. Angels declared the Second Coming of the Lord to the wondering disciples before whose eyes He had been lifted up into heaven. Angels, the Scriptures tell us, are to accompany the Lord on His return to earth. But Dr. Fosdick says, "Indeed,

we must confess that as a category of scientific explanation actually applied to daily life we are not Biblical in our thinking about angels".

In view of the foregoing, and particularly in the light of his letter to me, it is not at all surprising to find him saying, on page 104, "I believe in the victory of righteousness upon this earth, in the coming of the kingdom of Christ whereon Christ looking shall see the travail of his soul and be satisfied, *but I do not believe in the physical return of Jesus*". The italics are mine, but the words are the words of Dr. Fosdick.

A comparison of the statements in his book with his letter to me makes it sufficiently clear that Dr. Fosdick repudiates the thinking of New Testament writers on a wide variety of doctrines.

Chief among his contentions, in this vein, is that the belief in the Second Coming of Christ was borrowed from the Jews who refused to accept the Lord Jesus at His first coming but who argued so convincingly about His Second Coming the early Christians were won over to their viewpoint! What he means, of course, is that the Jews had a mistaken eschatology and that the early Christians foolishly adopted it.

Reduced to yet simpler terms, the Minister of the fashionable and extremely wealthy Riverside Church means that the Old Testament is not to be relied upon either historically, doctrinally or prophetically. It naturally follows that the New Testament is also in error, since such writers as Paul and Peter are in harmony with the eschatology outlined by the prophets of the Old Testament.

A further confirmation of the accuracy of Peter's prophetic utterance is to be seen in the fact that Dr. Fosdick is the popular representative of a very considerable and vocal class of theological leaders who dominate the principal denominations of the day.

I have letters in my possession from upwards of twenty of the leading Modernists of the Country to whom I addressed inquiries identical with the one to which Mr. Fosdick replied. Without exception they avow the same unbelief in the Second Coming of the Lord.

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*With one voice they scoffingly ask, "Where is the promise of his coming?"*

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building in which he dispenses his Gospel of Modernism, hold views very much at variance with those of their celebrated preacher.

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The wealthy supporters of his Church, or so the press reported at the time, were so anxious to have the noted Dr. Fosdick as their preacher that they agreed to the erection of the new building on Riverside Drive and to the renunciation of immersion for baptism, though the congregation was affiliated with the Baptist denomination. *It was also agreed that persons were to be admitted to membership irrespective of their views about Jesus Christ.*

When the building was erected the figures of Einstein and Darwin were included with those of Christ, the apostles and the angels, in the carving over one of the entrances.

That Einstein is an alleged Communist and that Darwin died an agnostic apparently makes but little difference to the preacher or the adoring congregation.

Dr. Fosdick not only twits the believer with the question, "Where is the promise of his coming?" he firmly asserts that the promise was never a promise at all but only a Jewish "thought-form" (page 108 of his book) mistakenly adopted by the early Christians!

The significant thing is that the Apostle Peter stated that scoffers of the Fosdick type were to put in their appearance in the last days.

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Proverbs 23, 10: "Remove not the old landmark."

Job 12, 12: "With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding."

Job 32, 7: "Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom."

I Kings 12, 8: "But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men" . . . v. 13, "And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel."

Ecclesiastes 7, 5: "It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise than for a man to hear the song of fools."

Proverbs 12, 15-16: "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes; but he that hearkeneth to counsel is wise. A fool's wrath is presently known."

## ON RECOGNIZING MOSCOW:

Proverbs 4, 14: "Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men."

Philippians 4, 8: "Whatsoever things are true . . . honest . . . just . . . pure . . . lovely and of good report . . . think on these things."

Proverbs 21, 30: "There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the Lord."

Psalms 9, 17: "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and the nations that forget God."

Isaiah 59, 19: "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him."

Isaiah 28, 15: "Ye have said, we have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement."

Proverbs 16, 17: "The highway of the upright is to depart from evil; he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul."

## ON WALLACE'S DESTRUCTION OF CROPS:

John 6, 12: "Gather up the fragments that remain."

Ezekiel 30, 12: "I will make the rivers dry . . . I will make the lands waste . . . I the Lord have spoken it."

## ON PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT:

Hosea 10, 4: ". . . have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a covenant."

Romans 1, 31: "Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful."

I Corinthians 4, 2: "Moreover it is

required in stewards, that a man be found faithful"—(trustworthy).

Proverbs 16, 18: "Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall."

Proverbs 18, 12: "Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honor is humility."

Proverbs 9, 8: "Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee."

Psalms 119, 21: "Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed, which do err from thy commandments."

Proverbs 19, 16: "He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul; but he that despiseth his ways shall die."

Ezekiel 16, 59: "For thus saith the Lord God, I will even deal with thee as thou hast done, which hast despised the oath in breaking the covenant."

Proverbs 29, 18: "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he."

Deuteronomy 29, 9: "Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do."

II Chronicles 13, 12: "O children of Israel, fight ye not against the Lord God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper."

Job 12, 2: "No doubt but ye are the people, and that wisdom shall die with you."

I Timothy 1, 7: "Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm."

Daniel 5, 26-27: "God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it . . . Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting."

## ON LIQUOR AND SABBATH-BREAKING:

Habakkuk 2, 15: "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken."

Proverbs 23, 21: "For the drunkard shall come to poverty."

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"AND in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honor of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries." — Daniel 11:21.

In every section of the Middle and Near East one encounters strong evidence of Italian influence in the fields of education, commerce and industry.

From Morocco to the Persian Gulf; from Southern Europe to the borders of Sahara; and from Portugal, via Egypt and Sudan to Kenya, owners of radio sets can pick up nightly broadcasts preaching Fascism and the Kingdom of Mussolini in the Arabic language. Trained radio orators assure the multitudes that Italy's program of material expansion will eventually assume the form of *the prophesied Millennium*.

Listeners are given to understand that Italy's political policy is not susceptible of retractable modification. The countries that lie between Mosul, Iraq, and Yemen, inclusive, are expected to waltz to the tune of the Roman chant.

Throughout the Islamic world a wonderful reaction of feeling followed in the wake of Italy's successful conquest of Ethiopia. Indignation has given way to admiration; hatred to high praises. And these changing sentiments have been strengthened by Mussolini's theatrical appearance in North Africa, where he posed as "the Protector of Islam."

Good-will was created by his trip, and confidence inspired in his mission to restore the Roman Empire, thus saving Europe from a catastrophe greater than that produced by the war of 1914 and its aftermath of financial ruin.

All over Western Asiatic and Northern countries, are communities that have sampled THE MATERIALIZED FORM of Italian propaganda, and consequently there has followed a whole-hearted support of Italian methods and political ideals.

Following the World War, up to 1930, the chief propagandist power in Mediterranean countries was Soviet Russia. A training school at Baku used to send out specially qualified propagandists into all the countries of Asia.

Night after night the Moscow radio station used to broadcast a cleverly conceived program of propaganda in English, French and German. Today, however, Russia's place in this regard has been almost altogether taken by Italy.

The plain truth is — those who have insisted for years upon studying Mussolini as the potential Antichrist of the end-time are coming daily, into possession of ever increasing evidence, to sustain their suspicions. In the light of what is being said and written these days,

about the Italian conquest of the old Roman Empire by means of propaganda, the following passage referring directly to the Antichrist, becomes exceedingly significant:

"He shall come in peaceably and obtain the kingdom by flatteries."

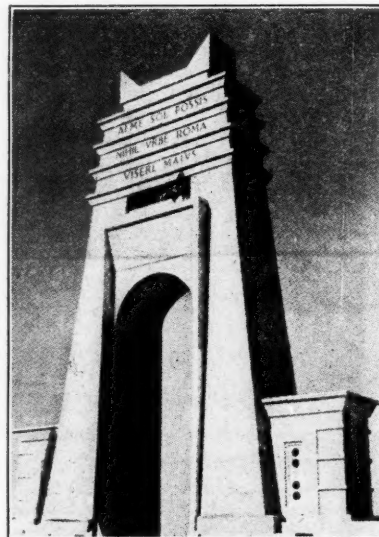
The radio programs from Bari are sent out night after night in Arabic and in Italian for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Levant. Programs are also sent out in other languages, but these are not primarily intended for the Middle East.

The radio program is backed up by news reels and cinemas, and these in turn are braced with the actual program of hospitals, schools, colleges, universities, industrial and commercial institutes, and modern engineering projects, not to mention intensive subsidizing to obtain political supremacy.

## His Fetish in North Africa

"And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall be corrupt by flatteries. . . ." — Daniel 11:32.

On March 12th the Near East received a message by radio from Tobrouk that Mussolini arrived in Africa on board the cruiser Pola, and after consultation with Marshal Balbo, in company with three ministers of the Italian Government, soon departed for the Egyptian frontier to celebrate the inauguration of the new Italian Tripoli-Tunisi road which traverses the South-



This arch, standing in Libya, symbolizes Mussolini's penetration into northern Africa. The Latin inscription reads: "O beneficent Sun, thou seeest nothing greater than the City of Rome."

ern coast of the Mediterranean for a distance of 2,000 miles, joining Egypt with Tunis.

About 140 foreign correspondents, cinemamen, and publicity agents accompanied him on this tour, which is considered to be one of the most significant and important ever undertaken by the head of the Italian Government. It was meant to symbolize the complete strategic hold which Italy will yet gain in all Northern Africa.

An address to the Superman was read at the Mosque of the Cadi of Benghazi, as follows: "Welcome, O Duce, to this faithful city and to this ancient temple. The Mohammedans of this country, who have followed the grandiose progress of Fascist Italy, need your guidance. Those who have served you with loyalty and devotion are sincerely grateful for this happy visit. It confirms your sympathy toward them and your respect toward their religion."

Mussolini reiterated in his speeches in Africa, the assurance that he would serve as the "friend of the Arabs" and "the Defender of Islam." A pamphlet was issued on the 14th of March entitled "The Islamic Policy of Italy." The pamphlet claims that in the new Italian Empire:

1. There is the fullest protection for the Moslem faith.

2. No attempt to convert Moslems to Christianity is authorized by the Italian Government.

3. Old Mosques are to be restored and new ones built in which "Moslems can invoke the protection of God, our King-Emperor and our Duce."

The pamphlet continues: "In Algeria there are rebellion and violence; in Morocco and Tunis political ferment and agitation; in Syria a series of questions of international and national character make the transformation of the mandatory government into an autonomous one difficult. . . .

"In Palestine the revolt of the Arabs — anti-Zionist and anti-British — ferments unceasingly in spite of cruel repression."

What a thrust at England! The pamphlet is the culmination of a long outpouring of Italian propaganda from the Bari wireless station in the Arabic language. After its first issue, the pamphlet was hurriedly withdrawn and issued in an amended version, in which some of the earlier passages were omitted.

At Derna, Mussolini extended largess to the Mohammedan Wakfs to the extent of 80,000 liras. Like sums and various beneficences were bestowed in other localities.

## A Wizard of Expediency

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*There is little thought in this part of the world, as to whom this great dictator may turn out to be, from the standpoint of prophecy!* But he is evidently intent on building a Millennial kingdom out of the followers of Catholic Rome, the adherents of Mohammed, the Jews of Palestine — and of whomsoever may welcome his "flatteries" and yield to his propaganda.

The Arab usually reasons thus: Facts are what we want, and Mussolini produces facts; it is peace, prosperity and happiness we seek, and he gives us all in a most sumptuous manner. Let us serve our Emancipator! If we oppose him, he will humble us in the dust; if we serve him, he will give us untold benefits.

To the student of prophecy, this is unadulterated Antichrist doctrine.

Italian activities in Arab lands have convinced a few such English writers as Ernest Main, special correspondent of the London *Daily Telegraph*, that something more than appears on the surface, will arise out of the aggressive program of Mussolini in Mediterranean countries.

The Fascist propaganda is so conspicuous that it cannot fail to attract the attention of the most casual observer. Radio, screen and subsidies are the chief agencies used, while the actual complement of a vast program of material development which has already progressed beyond its initial stage, are aims which impress Islam with a certainty of release from economic and political oppression.

Our own observation confirms the contention of Ernest Main that unless Britain and France take some steps to counter or excel the appeal of Italy to the Moslem world, mere force of arms will later prove no barrier to Italian supremacy.

Propaganda in the Italian language is also being broadcast to the thousands of Italian subjects along the coasts and islands of the Mediterranean; this includes Malta, the French-African colonies, Egypt, Palestine, and Iraq.

Nothing that France and England has to offer can compete with the Italian program which either surmounts or escapes local control or censorship. In the case of hospitals and schools, they are generally managed and staffed, for the most part, by Italians; the equipment is of the very latest, and the service is equal to or superior to that provided, by the best British or American institutions, and the costs are next to nothing for the natives.

This is a bit of clever advertising, the resultant benefits of which to Italy cannot be minimized, and of which England and France dare not long be indifferent.

Mr. Main observed that the holiday tours for students to Rome, were carefully conducted, and the students are given an opportunity to live on a standard to which they are unaccustomed at home. They are shown the grandeur of Italian civilization. They see at the

same time what a powerful international instrument Fascism has become; and the Levantine is always impressed by a display of power.

We, in the East, are daily becoming more accustomed to this sort of propaganda, but some of us know exactly where we are in prophecy and toward what we are rapidly drifting.

It is not this "drift" that alarms us most — it is the lack of recognition of the consequences by the masses that leaves them unprepared to meet the climax.

## Italians Never Forget

While the clergy and newspapers of Great Britain were protesting vigorously against the manner of Mussolini's advertising campaign in Africa, the Dictator, upon his return to Italy, addressed himself to England in particular, and to the world in general, over the heads of his immediate hearers, in terms of the utmost contempt and defiance.

Speaking from his balcony at the Palazzo Venezia to the massed citizens, he flung this insult in the teeth of English clergymen: "The anniversary falls while one of those unusual furious storms rage against our magnificent Fascist Italy. It is a storm of printed paper. The flood of muddy ink — to which one must logically add the hysterical and hypocritical oratory of certain Anglican pulpits which are always ready to see the mote in the eyes of others, while their own are burdened with heavy and aged beams. . . . They will not succeed in disturbing our imperturbable calm and the not less imperturbable calm of all the Italian people."

Raising his voice to a furious roar, he shouted: "It is said that the Italian people forget easily. Error of errors! This is one of the errors into which superficial and foreign observers fall. The Italian people have a most tenacious memory and know how to wait. We waited 40 years to avenge Adowa, but we have succeeded. And even if it should happen that memory languishes at the present time, we are here to awaken and to jog it up. Blackshirts, remember and prepare! That is the warning of to-day's celebration!"

The speech was continually interrupted with the hoarse cheers of the crowd, and also broadcast by loudspeakers throughout all centers of Italy.

"And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done." — Daniel 11:36.

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# Mussolini -- Super-Strategist

By W. D. Herrstrom, D. D., Findlay, Ohio

*The Author has just returned from an observation tour of Italy and other Mediterranean countries.*

**FOLLOWING** the World War Italy was on the verge of political and economic collapse.

Her total wealth was estimated at \$16,500,000,000 and over against that there was a huge mountain of debt amounting to \$12,000,000,000. Her unemployed numbered millions. Most of the factories were closed.

The Communists, as is their custom, attacked the nation when her vitality was at its lowest ebb. Like ferocious wolves pouncing upon their wounded prey, they drove their *Red fangs* into the vitals of the nation and there injected the deadly venom of their pernicious revolutionary propaganda.

Frothy-mouthed soap-box orators pawed the air and bellowed like angry bulls. True to form, they exploited labor, which is their favorite method of overthrowing governments. They promise the laboring man anything—everything, but have no intention of making any effort to fulfill the promises.

Their sole purpose is to get the support and the vote of the working man. Then after riding into power upon a wave of emotionalism the leaders strip the people of their earthly possessions and their liberties and leave them to starve, as has been done in Russia.

The Red leaders then become supreme in power. They become the super-Capitalists who own and control everything and who make the people chattels of the state. That is what they have accomplished in Russia. That was their objective in Italy.

They are employing the same technique in the United States at the present time, as any good observer can readily detect.

## How Fascism Was Created

Mussolini, anticipating the revolution, raised an army of 300,000 blackshirts to counteract the efforts of the Reds. The King of Italy, unprepared to cope with the situation, invited Mussolini to

become the Prime Minister and take charge of affairs, which he did on October 27, 1922.

Thus Italy was saved from dominion by the Communists, and in saving Italy, no doubt Mussolini also saved most of Europe from the yoke of the designing Reds, for no other power was able to cope with them at that time.

Since then, the Communist menace produced Nazism in Germany. Thus it will be seen that both Fascism and Nazism were in reality created by Communism. Both of the former political systems were created for the purpose of counteracting the effects of the revolutionary propaganda of the Communists. But for Fascism, Italy would have fallen into the hands of the Reds!

But for Nazism, Germany would have suffered a like fate, and no European country would have been safe from the international Red exploiters. Spain is now moving in the same direction; she is traveling in the path of Italy and Germany. Has it never occurred to the Communist that he is to blame for the existence of those political systems, Fascism and Nazism, which he continually denounces?

Perhaps his ire is aroused because these two powers have prevented the Reds from subjugating Europe and possibly conquering the world, which is their plan according to their own testimony.

I hold no brief for Fascism, Nazism or any other form of dictatorship. I am simply discussing recent history, calling attention to the fact that the laws of self-preservation acted and thus Communism produced these other forms of illegitimate children. However, the people have fared much better under Fascism and Nazism than they would have under Communism.

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## Mussolini and the Pope

With one master stroke of strategy Mussolini stripped the Pope of his political power when he made him monarch of Vatican City, a territory covering 38 hectares.

Formerly the Pope was a prisoner in the Vatican. Now he is a prisoner in his small empire embracing a territory of 93 acres. There is little likelihood that on that small area, the Pope could raise an army or create any effective opposition to Mussolini's program.

Not only that, but now the Pope, having his own government, has no right to interfere in the political affairs of Italy. The Treaty of the Lateran and a Concordat were signed on February 11, 1929 which limits the Pope's authority to The Vatican City.

The Roman Catholics heralded this event as a great victory. As usual, it was a victory for Mussolini, the master strategist.

## Mussolini and the King

Mussolini's popularity is so great in Italy and her possessions that some have suggested that there is no need for the King. But Mussolini lauds the King and urges the people to honor him. Thus Mussolini has no rival in either the King or the Pope.

The people, realizing the terrible conditions in Russia under the Communist regime, are profoundly grateful that Mussolini delivered them from the scourge of Red dominion and therefore readily support his program.

## Mussolini and the Moslems

The latest, and perhaps the greatest stroke of Mussolini strategy, is his effort to capture the favor of the Moslems. In Libya he was received with a great demonstration by the natives.

Shells burst in mimic warfare. Two thousand Arab horsemen dashed to the scene, beating their war drums furiously. While they cast themselves at Mussolini's feet their chieftain presented him with an Islamic Sword, the hilt of which was studded with choice gems.

During his speech in Tripoli, he proudly displayed the sword and characterized it as the most precious gift of his life and "the most welcome symbol of justice."

He promised to improve the destiny of the Moslems and expressed his sympathy for the Moslems "throughout the



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entire world." He promised to bring about a fulfillment of their hope of peace and prosperity "according to the wishes of your Prophet."

What is the significance of this great demonstration of affection? It means that Mussolini intends to capture the support of the Mohammedan world! Africa has 46,005,673 Moslems. They constitute 45 per cent of the population of that great area. In the following countries 90 per cent of the population is Moslem: Morocco, Tunisia, Rio De Ora, Egypt, Libya, Tripoli, Mauritania, Zanzibar, and British, French, and Italian Somaliland.

There are 160,000,000 Moslems in Asia, and 5,000,000 in Europe. The Arab people practically predominate in northern Africa, Palestine, and Syria.

The Jewish-Arab conflict continues in Palestine and there is no cessation of hostility. I saw the public highways patrolled day and night; large fleets of trucks with mounted machine guns may be seen daily.

The problem is by no means settled and the feeling of hostility is increasing. The Arab feels that he is being pushed out of his country by the Jew, like the Indians were dispossessed by those who early colonized America.

Mussolini and every other well informed person realizes that powerful Jewish leaders in Europe and America are very favorable toward Communism. The Arab is powerfully linked with the Moslem world. Communism is the greatest foe of Fascism. Mussolini, the super-strategist, might call attention to the Jewish propensity for Communism and the Communist opposition to Fascism, and against these twin evils, he might succeed in hurling the entire force of the Moslem world. And to our knowledge, the Moslems do no object to fighting. (He might also line up the Roman Catholic population of the world on his side.)

The result of this line-up would be a great conflagration that might place in the hands of Mussolini much of the territory around the Mediterranean formerly occupied by the Roman Empire—the empire which Mussolini is determined to revive.

## Rome Must be Revived

The Communists, however, hope to capture Spain, and after that, Gibraltar, the "key to the Mediterranean." That would give them control of the Sea.

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Mussolini anticipates every move of his rivals in advance and some of the best minds of Italy believe that by supernatural power, he knows the future, a number of years ahead. He probably planned the conquest of Ethiopia as a step toward gaining control of the Red Sea and the Suez Canal — the other outlet of the Mediterranean.

Mussolini, realizing what is behind the Red revolution in Spain will do nothing to prevent a Fascist victory there. Communism is doomed to eventual defeat according to the prophecies of the Word of God.

Perhaps that is one of the reasons the Reds want to get rid of the Bible. They do not want to be reminded of their eventual defeat, doom, and damnation! However, Communism will play a prominent part in spreading atheism, lawlessness, and creating dictators — all of which sets the stage for the reign of the coming Antichrist.

According to Bible prophecy, the old Roman Empire will be revived. Mussolini believes himself to be a man of destiny to do this very thing. The recent rapid and complete transformation wrought in Italy by Fascism proves

that its leader is a genius of rare power and ability.

He or one of his successors, will assuredly revive the ancient Empire for the prophets have foretold this event. Therefore, Fascism bids fair to become the WORLD POLITICAL SYSTEM under which the Antichrist will rule the earth. After that, Christianity will triumph under the personal reign of the Lord Jesus Christ, the coming King of Kings. He will bind Satan. He will end war. He will solve the world's problems. He will effect universal prosperity. He will make righteousness cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

The clouds on the earthly horizon are darkening. Tribulation is approaching. The flames of revolution are spreading. The world will soon be engulfed in the maelstrom of the greatest conflagration of history.

The failure and folly of man is again being recorded in the pages of history, but thank God there is hope — no hope in man, but in the Lord!

The second coming of Christ is the only hope of this sin-cursed world.

## Who Rules Russia?

THE "Central Committee of the Communist Party" exercises autocratic control over Russia's one hundred and sixty million population.

There are 59 members on this committee at the present time. Of this number, 56 are Jews. The remaining three are married to Jewesses.

But within the "Central Committee" there is a super-committee of fourteen men called the "Politibureau" (meaning Political Bureau). The arrangement of the two groups is that of a wheel within a wheel!

The 59 are powerful! But the fourteen are all powerful!

The present members of the Politibureau are:

(1) Molotov, a Russian possessing little actual power, a typical "front" for others.

(2) Litvinoff, a Jew, former robber and ex-convict, Commissar of Foreign Affairs.

(3) Jeshow, reported to be a Jew, Commissar of Interior Affairs.

(4) Voroshiloff, a Russian, whose every action must be approved by a Jew named Gamarnik. Voroshiloff is Commissar of the Army.

(5) Ruchimovitch, a Jew, Commissar of Industries and Materials.

(6) Rosengolz, a Jew, Commissar of Foreign Trade.

(7) Weizer, a Jew, Commissar of Interior Trade.

(8) Ljubimov, a Jew, Commissar of Light Industry.

(9) Meshlankh, a Jew, Commissar of Heavy Industry. (He replaced Ordjonikidze, who died recently.)

(10) Jagoda, a Jew, head of the Secret Police.

(11) Kalmanovitch, a Jew, Commissar of State Property. All property in Russia is owned by the State, i. e., The Jews own everything.

(12) Koganovitch, a Jew, Stalin's brother-in-law. He holds a number of key positions in the government.

(13) Kalinin, a Russian "front", figurehead official of the Politibureau.

(14) Stalin, former underworld character, a Georgian, is Secretary of the Party.

Of the fourteen actual rulers of Russia, nine are definitely known to be apostate Jews; the nationality of one is uncertain; two are Russians; and

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one is a Georgian.

This is what authorities mean when they declare: "The Russian people have no government; they are ruled by foreigners."

On page 359 of his book *My Life*, Leon Trotsky says: "The most important questions, however, were decided by the Politbureau. Sometimes I would return specially for the meeting of the Politbureau, in answer to Lenin's summons."

These monsters of iniquity boast that they have taken the Bible out of

Russia. But they have not taken themselves out of the Bible. The prophecies make ample provision for the international Red menace as a part of Satan's program, to exist during the end-time of the present age.

Speaking through the lips of Ezekiel, God said: "Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech (Moscow) and Tubal (Tobolsk), and prophesy against him, and say, thus said the Lord God; Behold I AM AGAINST THEE."

The wrath of God will eventually fall upon these men who dream of ruling the world and blotting Christianity from the face of the earth!

every principle governing Christians in their dealings with one another and are disregarding every truism of our Lord's Sermon on the Mount.

Many new theological fads have come into existence which frown upon the doctrine of Redemption through the Blood shed on the cross of Calvary. Some of them have rejected the inspired Word and are looking for what they call "direct guidance".

Christ's teaching of a changed nature through the new birth is being substituted by a "streamlined gospel" of Socialism and Pacifism. The time has come when "sound doctrine" is not being endured!

*The Daily Pennsylvanian*, student-edited newspaper of the University of Pennsylvania, says: "These Christian groups are but the pawns of red propaganda". The editorial tells why the University of Pennsylvania would have nothing to do with the Student Peace Strike: "The United Student Peace Committee of the Emergency Peace Campaign list as their FIRST organization the American League Against War and Fascism. This League is nothing more than a UNITED FRONT OF LEFT WING ORGANIZATIONS in America, including among its membership the Young Communist League and the Friends of the Soviet Union."

#### "Spirit of Antichrist"

This radical American Student Union, a pet organization of Sherwood Eddy and modern clerics of his stripe, also lists as its spiritual affinity the Fellowship of Reconciliation, "which recently issued a pamphlet contending that support of the Communist class war should be the proper attitude for a Christian."

In conclusion the Editorial states: "Subtleties and insidious cleverness are the tools of the Communists. We are

## The Drama of the End Time

By Dr. Louis R. Patmont, Berkeley, California

THERE is an erroneous but widely accepted idea that the Millennium will be ushered in through an increased effort on the part of the Church to establish some sort of a Utopia, and that all evil will gradually disappear through education and world peace propaganda.

The Prophetic Scriptures do not coincide with such views. On the contrary Paul tells Timothy, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."

The Thessalonian Christians are told, "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."

The Lord Jesus Christ picturing the drama of this closing age in his Olivet Discourse tells us, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." The Revelation of St. John the Divine unfolds to our view not only the final ripening and the harvest of the Mystery of Evil but also shows the ultimate triumph of God's Eternal Purpose and the consummation of all good.

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not only will forfeit all rights to the blessings held in store for the human family during Christ's millennial reign on earth but must in the end face Him in judgment.

#### Bitterness Among Christians

The age in which we live, the increasing unrest, sorrow and suffering, wars and commotions are the best proof of the inspiration and dependability of the Prophetic Scriptures. Perhaps a more certain sign of the times is the growing hatred of Christian groups for each other. Christ's prophecy "A man's foes shall be they of his own household," is especially applicable to those of the Household of Faith today.

One is amazed to observe to what length so-called Fundamentalists are going to attack and destroy the work of their brethren. They disregard the warning of Paul in Galatians 5:15 "But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another."

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The spirit of Antichrist is blinding the eyes and the minds of millions. In spite of the fact that the Communist Party now has six times as many members in the United States as were in Russia at the time of the Bolshevik Revolution, a liberal clergy advocates tolerance for and cooperation with this God-defying international menace.

According to a pledge published in the Communist *Daily Worker*, the first step to be taken when Communism gets into power in the United States, will be the extermination of Ministers of the Gospel. In Russia and Northern China the Communists have consistently carried on such a program.

Recent acts of terrorism inspired by American radicals, which, reliable sources inform us are twice as numerous as the members of the Communist Party in the Soviet domain at the present time, prove conclusively that there will be no change in the Red program for America.

This writer has raised a voice of warning against the impending dangers of Communism in this and other countries for the past six years. Of the millions of people addressed in public gatherings, over the radio and through the medium of the printed page, only a few have heeded the message. A vast majority has reacted in a skeptical manner.

Nothing has been as discouraging as the all too frequent smile expressing a "I know better" attitude and the remark, "It cannot happen in America".

#### U. S. Divided Into Red "Districts"

Facts and figures gathered by Walter S. Steele of the *National Republic*, Washington D. C. and presented to the United States Congress in an extensive report show that such has happened already. Mr. Steele's report submits proof showing there are over 610 national Communist and affiliated organizations, with thousands of state and local branches, in heated revolutionary

action in the United States today; there are over 300 Communist newspapers and magazines, printed in all languages, circulated regularly (some daily and some weekly) in the United States today; there are millions of books and pamphlets issued on thousands of Marxian, Communist, Socialist, Atheist and other subversive subjects in the United States annually.

We are further informed that Communist propaganda had penetrated into thousands of local dance schools and clubs, art schools, baseball, soccer and basket-ball clubs and leagues, theatre groups, film movements, strike schools, atheist Sunday schools, summer camps, college chapters, anti-war and various types of Russian clubs in the United States, all teaching revolutionary spirit and tactics.

The United States has been divided by the Reds into 26 districts with 15,000 or more units and cells to facilitate efficiency and the direction of this propaganda in our Country.

Property confiscation may come as the next step and will be carried out by fully uniformed forces which are already being trained in many centers in America. The city government of Seattle is already a part of a program which refuses to place its weight into the balance of Constitutional property rights.

A recent article in a popular weekly magazine has published an interesting account of the situation in the Washington city under the title, "A One Man Revolution". It is a well known fact that Communist influence has reached many police departments and even National Guard and other military organizations.

Eleven nation-wide atheist movements are backing the progress of Communism in this Country. Posing as liberals and members of cultural societies, these enemies of the cross of Christ are invading our schools, colleges, and churches, teaching disbelief in God and destroying faith in the inspired Scriptures.

Even the government itself has been invaded by the influences of radicalism. Millions of dollars are being expended for Moscow printed text-books and

other literature by Communist propagandists. The party maintains 320 worker schools and owns many large publishing houses throughout the land.

Mr. Steele, editor of the *National Republic*, estimates that the Communist forces are spending \$6,000,000 annually to promote civil war leading to the overthrow of our government. Contrasting this energetic activity on the part of Communism in America with the inertia of the professed church, linked with numerous other "signs of the times", one is driven to the conclusion that the time is not far off when Satan's final part will be played in this drama of the end time and when the Lord Jesus Christ will return to earth in order to demonstrate the superiority of the Kingdom of God.

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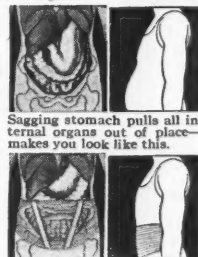
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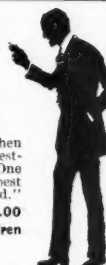
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# How Great Hymns are Written

By Evangelist Phil Kerr, Houston, Texas

**A**N analysis of the history of hymn-writing will disclose two interesting and perhaps surprising facts.

*First, a thorough knowledge of the technique of musical composition was possessed by VERY FEW famous hymn-writers!*

A majority of Christendom's favorite hymns are simple in their harmonies; many of them contain flagrant violations of the rules of composition and of poetry. Yet they have survived through many generations, while other hymns, perhaps more carefully written and more intricately harmonized, have disappeared.

*Second, every great hymn seems to have been the result of a definite spiritual crisis in the life of the writer!*

Very rarely has a hymn-writer taken his pen in hand with the avowed purpose of producing a masterpiece. Such attempts have usually ended in failure. Most successful hymns appear to have been born spontaneously in the consecrated heart of a deeply-spiritual Christian, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

For example — the author of "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" did not intend that anyone but his mother should ever see the verses which he composed.

His name was Joseph Scriven, a young Irishman living in Canada. His fiancée was accidentally drowned shortly before the date set for their wedding. He was grief-stricken. His mother, in Ireland, had loved the girl likewise, and was broken-hearted by news of her untimely death.

Scriven wrote a letter of consolation to his mother, and in this letter he composed the verses of the now world-famous song, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus".

Years later the verses, mistakenly attributed to Horatius Bonar, were set to music by C. C. Converse. It was not until after Scriven's death in 1886 that he was given true credit for the authorship of the wonderful words.

## Christian Hymnology

Hymn-singing has always been an important part of Christian service, and dates back to the beginning of the Christian era.

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while in jail. (Acts 16:25)

Paul, in at least two recorded places, exhorted Christians to worship God in song. (Eph. 5:19 . . . Col. 3:16)

James urged Christians to express their joy in song. (Jas. 5:13)

Secular historians tell us that Christian martyrs, about to be devoured by ferocious lions in the Coliseum at Rome, would often "drown out" the lions' roars with their own singing.

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Luther's Reformation was accompanied by a revival of singing. His followers were wont to gather together for great song-fests, and historians have recorded the fact that these early Lutherans were famous for the enthusiasm with which they sang.

The sweeping revival by John Wesley was accompanied by a revival of singing led by Charles Wesley.

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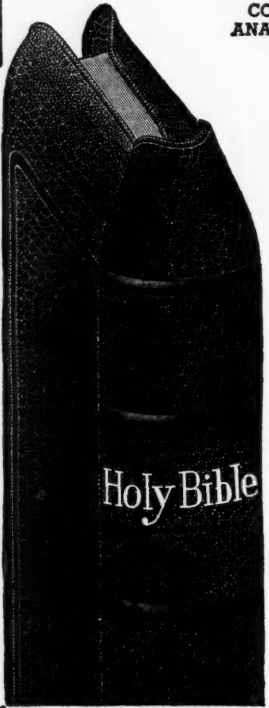
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Every Spirit-filled Christian is a *singing* Christian; and every *singing* Christian is a *victorious* Christian!

The singing of Christian songs is of inestimable value for four chief reasons:

First, as a means of worshipping God. (Psa. 81:1)

Second, to bring a message to the listener, either of blessing and encouragement to the Christian or of conviction to the unbeliever. (Col. 3:16)

Third, to bring self-encouragement and self-blessing. (2 Chron. 20:19-22)

Fourth, to express an overflowing Christian joy. (Jas. 5:13)

In this connection, it is interesting to note that the resurrected saints will come forth from the grave *singing*! "Thy dead men shall live. Together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust." (Isa. 26:19)

#### Early Hymn-writing

In our own day, hymn-writers usually create new music to fit new words. There is generally collaboration between the writing of the words and the writing of the music. And very rarely does a new hymn-poem make its appearance without a new hymn-tune having been prepared for it.

But this was not the case, before the twentieth century.

In earlier days, there were a certain

number of well-known TUNES already in existence, and each of these tunes had a particular name. A hymn-writer would compose a new poem, and make it "fit" a tune which was already in use. Then, all that was necessary was to print the *words* of his new poem, with simply the *name* of the tune to which it was to be sung.

There were two reasons for this:

First, because it was extremely difficult to circulate the knowledge of a new tune. The printing press was in existence long before any process for reproducing music notes became known. An author could have the *words* of his new poem printed, and could give them wide circulation, but it took years for a new tune to become generally known.

Second, because a knowledge of music was not general. Our modern custom of teaching our children their do-re-mi's with their a-b-c's is of very recent origin.

This explains why the student of hymnology will read of hundreds of hymn-authors, but comparatively few hymn-composers. The composer had no outlet for his composition, as did the author.

Early hymn-books were simply a collection of poems. Each poem would carry the name of the tune to which it could be sung. Frequently one book would contain many hymns which could be sung to the same tune, and perhaps it would contain a number of hymns which could be sung to any one of several tunes.

For instance, even our modern hymnals will offer several tunes to which such songs as "Jesus Lover Of My Soul" and "All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name" may be sung.

Many of our present hymn-books still carry the names of the tunes, although the music is now printed in full in every book, and the names of the tunes are no longer necessary.

#### Modern Song-writing

There is a widespread inclination among Christians to look with disfavor upon new songs. There is an overwhelming sentiment in favor of the grand old "hymns of our fathers". And this feeling is justified to a certain extent. But there are several things which can be said upon that subject, and this writer intends to say them in the next few paragraphs, at the risk, perhaps, of losing the goodwill of a few readers.

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Out of the thousands of new Christian songs which are being written every year, there are of course many which are worthless. But it is unfair and illogical to conclude that modern songs are not as effective as the older ones, and to exclude them from use in our Christian services.

The reason that old hymns seem so wonderful to us, (and indeed they are wonderful and inspiring) is because the mediocre and valueless songs written generations ago were "culled out" long ago, and only the best ones remain.

It is an historical fact that Charles Wesley wrote hymns which no pastor would allow to be sung in his church today. And yet from his seven thousand hymns there are many which are masterpieces, and whose beauty and effectiveness will never be surpassed.

Certainly if all of our modernly-composed songs were put through that hundred-year "weeding-out" process, there would be many 20th-century hymns which would stand out as prominently as the 18th-century masterpieces which have stood the test of time!

Anyone who denies the foregoing statement must therefore admit either or both of the following statements:

1. That God no longer inspires men, or
2. That Christians today are not as yielded to inspiration as our forefathers were.

Certainly no spiritual child of God will deny that God wants to use men today in the same degree that He has always used them. That leaves only one other alternative: the critic of modern Christian songs is forced to take the position that his fellow-Christians today do not love Christ with the same intensity as did our fathers, and are not as yielded to Holy Spirit inspiration.

Since singing and song-writing are companion ministries to preaching and sermon-writing, let us draw a parallel comparison:

There were great and soul-stirring sermons preached a century ago. And there were great and soul-stirring songs produced a century ago. Is it fair to conclude that God will still inspire preachers in 1937, but will not inspire song-writers?

Would it be logical for a 1937 church-member to say to his Pastor something like the following?

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Summing up the question. . . it is illogical for a Christian to allow his Pastor to deliver an original newly-inspired sermon, and then to refuse to participate in the whole-hearted singing of a newly-composed song!

## A Classification of Christian Songs

Christendom generally designates all religious songs as hymns. But this is not strictly accurate. There is a definite distinction between a hymn and a Gospel song.

A hymn is a prayer, either of petition or praise, set to music.

A Gospel song is a testimony, or sermon, or exhortation.

One is addressed to God: the other to men.

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul" is a glorious hymn; it is a prayer, and the words could be appropriately used by a Christian who was alone with God in prayer.

But "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" is entirely different. It's not a hymn, it's a Gospel song. It is not addressed to God; it is an enthusiastic testimony, addressed to men.

There is a very important reason why this distinction should always be recognized: If a hymn is being sung, it should be with reverence and solemnity — in the attitude of prayer. But if a Gospel song is being sung, it can very appropriately be with enthusiasm and vigor and joy!

"Guide Me, Oh Thou Great Jehovah" is a majestic hymn, and should be sung with dignity and solemnity. But "Brighten The Corner Where You Are" is an exhortation, and should be sung with all the enthusiasm that would be put into a spoken testimony.

A universal knowledge of this distinction would solve many present misunderstandings in the realm of church music.

We have all heard someone say, "I don't believe in this modern rhythmic gospel singing". And the choir-director, anxious to please that particular person, will endeavor to put solemnity and a slow tempo into the singing of "Love Lifted Me" or "Hold the Fort".

And we have heard someone else say,



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"I think we ought to get away from that old-fashioned, slow, mournful way of singing." So the choir-director will endeavor to rhythmically enliven the singing of "Nearer My God, To Thee" or "Abide With Me" . . . with lamentable results.

There is a time for all things . . . a time to sing a worshipful, majestic, stately, solemn hymn; but there's also a time to sing a joyful, victorious, enthusiastic Gospel song.

In this connection, it is interesting to note that the majority of Scriptures pertaining to singing, speak in terms of "joy", "gladness", "praise". "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord". "Is any merry? let him sing."

Yes, we read in Psalms 92:3 that the harp should be played with a "solemn sound"; but we are also exhorted in Psalms 95:2 to "make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms."

Many other Scriptures illustrate this distinction. Isaiah 30:29 contrasts the "song in the night, when a holy solemnity is kept", and the song which springs forth from the "gladness of heart".

. . . And now, to conclude this discussion, it would perhaps be fitting to examine a few famous Christian songs, and study the processes by which they came into existence.

## "Amazing Grace"

In 1735 an English sea-captain took his ten-year-old boy to sea. For seven years the boy, John Newton, lived the life of a sailor. He then somehow became separated from his father's ship, and, like a derelict, aimlessly roamed the seven seas.

Eventually he joined a group of godly men who were conducting slave-trading operations, using a small island off the African Coast as a base. Several years were spent in this manner, during which time he sank into the depths of sin, and became a debauched drunkard.

His father at last heard of his whereabouts and condition, and requested a sea captain friend to endeavor to bring the son back to England. The attempt was successful, and John Newton was gloriously saved, not only from his wretched life with the slave-traders, but from the depths of sin; for upon his return to England he experienced the regenerating power of Christ.

Shortly after his conversion he felt led to enter the ministry, and after several years of preparation became a Minister in the Church of England.

During his ministry in the village of Olney, he wrote a number of hymns based upon the story of his own conversion, the most famous of which is

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,

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That saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

Incidentally, although Newton was a loyal Church of England Minister, and bitterly opposed to the Wesleys, he wrote a hymn which early Methodists immediately seized upon, and which has been universally loved ever since:

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear;  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
And drives away his fear.

## "My Faith Looks up to Thee"

Ray Palmer had been a shoe clerk in Boston, but went to New York to prepare for the ministry. He was temporarily engaged as a teacher in a New York City School.

A series of discouraging circumstances befell him, including a year of illness, and a less enthusiastic person would have abandoned the plan of entering the ministry. But Palmer bravely fought on, working and studying, sacrificing and suffering. Eventually he won his battle, graduated from a theological school and became a successful minister, later becoming a national officer of the American Congregational Union.

But back in those early days, at the age of twenty-two, when he was going through a particularly severe trial, he shut himself into his room one afternoon to "pray through".

While in earnest prayer, his faith "looking up to Christ", he wrote these world-famous verses, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee".

"I gave form to what I felt by writing those verses," he later recorded. "I wrote them with very tender emo-

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tion, and ended the last line with tears. I composed them with a deep consciousness of my own needs, without the slightest thought of writing for another eye, and least of all writing a hymn for Christian worship".

Years after the verses were written, they were set to music by Dr. Lowell Mason, and soon became familiar everywhere.

## "Lead, Kindly Light"

Almost one hundred years ago, a clergyman of the Church of England, John H. Newman, was taking a voyage on the Mediterranean. He was at a turning point in his life, undecided whether to remain with the Church of England, or to go over to the Roman Catholic Church.

"Lead, Kindly Light", composed on shipboard, was his own desperate prayer for Divine guidance, and he never intended that the poem should be circulated.

Upon his return to England, friends saw the new verses which he had written, and soon they were in wide circulation. They were soon set to music, and quickly gained general favor.

It is interesting to note that, although Newman *did* later join the Catholic Church and become one of its greatest Cardinals, his glorious hymn is still used and loved by Christians everywhere, both Protestants and Catholics!

And, just as Protestants sing Cardinal Newman's song, so do Catholics throughout the world love to sing "Jesus, Lover Of My Soul" and "Onward

Christian Soldiers", both of which were written by Protestants.

Here is another interesting parallel fact:

Toplady, the author of "Rock of Ages", and Wesley, the author of "Jesus, Lover Of My Soul", were bitterly opposed to each other doctrinally. Yet their hymns agree beautifully, and are to be found side by side in hundreds of hymnals. The differences of the authors have been forgotten, but their enthusiastic love for Christ, as revealed in their songs, has been an inspiration to uncounted millions.

## "Nearer, My God to Thee"

Many of the greatest hymn-writers have been women.

Sarah Flower Adams possessed a heritage of heroic enthusiasm for Christ which perhaps accounts for many of the wonderful hymns which she has left us.

Her father, a Minister in England, had suffered cruel imprisonment for a long period because of his fearless preaching. It was during this imprisonment that a young lady visited him on one occasion with other friends. She came again and again, and the spark of love was kindled between them. Upon his release they were married. Sarah was their youngest child.

One day Sarah Flower Adams was reading the Genesis account of Jacob's vision at Bethel, of the ladder to Heaven with angels ascending and descending thereon. She was deeply impressed, and under the influence of that impression composed the verses which we now know as "Nearer, My God, To Thee."

A careful examination of the words of the song will reveal the source of their inspiration:

"Tho' like the wanderer, the sun gone down,  
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone;  
Still in my dreams I'd be,  
Nearer my God, to Thee. . . ."

"There let the way (ladder) appear,  
Steps unto Heaven. . . ."

"Angels to be-ken me. . . ."

Lowell Mason shortly thereafter discovered Mrs. Adam's poem, and arranged for it a musical setting which he adapted from an old secular tune. Very few Christians today realize that they are singing this wonderful hymn to a tune which was a popular theatre-song of by-gone generations!

## "Stand Up For Jesus"

In 1858 a revival occurred in Philadelphia which is still recognized as the greatest spiritual awakening which that city has ever experienced. It was conducted by a Minister by the name of Dudley A. Tyng.

During the revival, Dr. Tyng preached one Sunday before a crowd of five thousand men on the text, "Go now, ye that are men, and serve the Lord." (Ex. 10:11) It is said that more than one thousand men surrendered to Christ, as a result of that service.

Three days later, Dr. Tyng went into his barn, where a mule was harnessed to a corn-shelling machine. He stopped to pat the animal on the neck . . . the mule suddenly jumped . . . Dr. Tyng's sleeve became caught in the machinery . . . and his arm was literally torn out. In a few hours death came.

A moment before he died, his final words were addressed to his father who was bending over the bedside. It was a message to be taken to his fellow Ministers.

"Tell them," he gasped, "to stand up for Jesus".

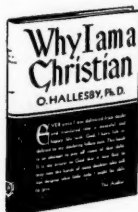
On the following Sunday a great memorial service was held in Philadelphia. Rev. George Duffield, Jr., was chosen to deliver the memorial sermon, and he hurriedly composed a poem to be used in connection with the service. "Ye that are men now serve him", one line of the poem, and was a fitting reference to Tyng's last great sermon text.

That poem, "Stand Up For Jesus", was later joined to G. J. Webb's stirring tune, and has been in effective use as a Gospel song ever since.

THERE is an elaborately equipped headquarters for the dissemination of Soviet propaganda in the public lobby of the Y. M. C. A., at Shanghai, China. Stalin's picture is prominently displayed in this "Christian" environment.

PENNSYLVANIA READERS NOTICE! The annual "Green Hills Bible Conference" of the Philadelphia School of the Bible, will convene July 24 to August 8. Descriptive literature of the gathering may be had by addressing the School, 1721 Spring Garden St., Philadelphia.

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# DEFENDERS MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

## A Day in Cuba

By Rev. Arthur W. Pain

AS SOON as we finished our daily radio broadcast here in Havana over CMQ and COCQ, this morning, we left for a 200 mile drive to attend a Bible Conference arranged by missionaries on the Island.

On the way we stopped for 15 minute services in the public squares of the Capitals of Mantanzas Province and Santa Clara Province.

In both places we spoke to large crowds through the new PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM which was recently donated to our work by the World-Wide Missionary Union and the Defenders Movement. (Dr. W. T. Watson of St.

Petersburg, Florida is President of the "Union".)

Large crowds are attracted to our open-air meetings by this means. It is a unique and novel thing for the people to hear the Gospel as it comes "booming" out of the Public Speaking apparatus. Music thus played, on the portable organ which Defender Readers gave us, has a tremendous effect upon the listeners.

After going to a certain town and holding open air services, in the public park, one of the officials said to us: "Mr. Pain, will you please come to our town often and hold services like this?"

My people have no religion and no respect for God or man. Please come as often as you can." . . .

As we traveled through the country today, we gave out Gospels, in the Spanish language, to those who were on foot, bicycles, motorcycles, and horseback. We distributed over 400 Gospels in this way. We have the promise that His Word will not return to Him "void". (Isaiah 55:11)

Riders got off their horses at once, to pick up the precious little books and read them as they rode along. A car full of men drove up behind us and indicated they wished a Gospel. We handed the Word to them and they at once stopped and began reading. A motorcycle officer came facing us; we threw a Gospel to him. He at once turned back, picked it up and stopped by the roadside to read it.

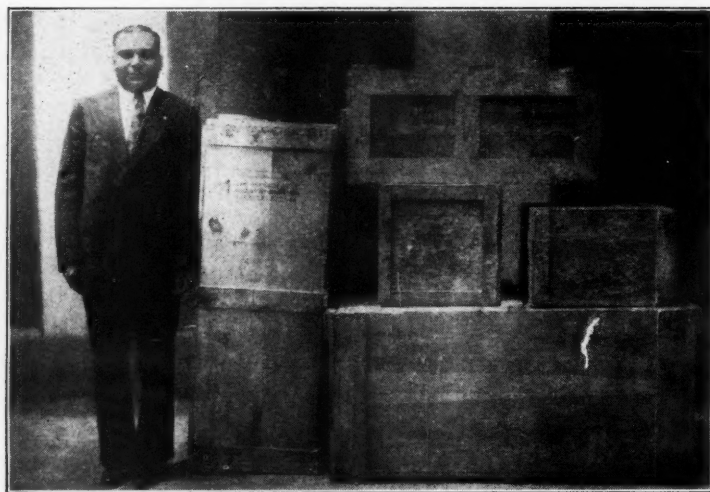
Cuba's four million souls need the Gospel. This challenge must be faced by American Christians.

Shall we let them die,

And never heed their cry?

God forbid that we should delay in giving these needy people the message of Redeeming Love!

## Caring For The Needy



"FOR I WAS an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

"Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of

the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

The above picture shows Dr. J. F. Rodriguez, Superintendent of the Defenders Testimony in Puerto Rico, standing beside a large shipment of clothing which had just arrived from the Wichita Headquarters.

Hundreds of pounds of shoes and garments, supplied by Defender Readers, have been sent to the Island during the last few months, for distribution among poverty-stricken people who happily and thankfully receive them.

This is one of the very important branches of missionary work, directed by Dr. Rodriguez, in that part of the world.

## Bulgaria

MOST writers of current history find it easy to say pleasant things about Bulgaria — a little Balkan Country of six million population. King Boris, a commoner of great intelligence, is also universally liked.

One historian recently recorded the following humorous incident:

"King Carol of Rumania got the fright of his life when he and Boris met at the Danube town of Roustchuk in 1934; Boris greeted him, persuaded him to descend from his car, and walked with him arm in arm down the streets. Carol would never have dreamed of so exposing himself in any Rumanian town.

"He was alarmed at first by his unwonted proximity to the common herd, then impressed at the friendly way the crowd greeted Boris. Exactly the same thing happened when the late King Alexander of Yugoslavia visited the Bulgarian monarch. Boris drove him to Plovdiv to see the famous roses; they went alone, without even informing the Mayor of Plovdiv that they were coming.

"There were plenty of people in the crowd, and Alexander didn't like it at all, but Boris insisted on walking with him through the streets. The fact that he was in Boris' company kept him safe."



The same writer says: "The Bulgars, poor, clean, intensely honest, are the best people in the Balkans."

The poverty in which the people live is illustrated by the homely fact that a traveler through the hinterland, will often see people carrying their shoes in their hands, to save wear and tear on the leather. The splendid moral standards of Bulgaria may be observed in the statistics that less than six thousand people of the entire Country, have ever been divorced.

IT MUST BE BORNE IN MIND, HOWEVER, THAT BULGARIA IS ONE OF THE MOST NEEDY MISSION FIELDS IN ALL EUROPE! VERY LITTLE NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY IS KNOWN AMONG THE PEOPLE.

The launching of the *Bulgarian Defender Magazine*, three months ago, under the leadership of Rev. M. J. Markoff, has already proved a stimulating influence to the struggling Christian forces of the Nation.

A deeply religious Russian woman, now an exile in Bulgaria, wrote a poem for the last issue of the magazine, which translated into English, would read in substance:

"Oh Bulgarian Defender, great and glorious, but with thorns in your road; proud and happy Guardian of the truth.

"Like rays of sunshine into sin's darkness, you have appeared as a beautiful Knight; bright light will follow your foot steps. . . .

"Pierce through the heavy fog with beams of truth and faith; and for the traveler on the road of life, be a warning sound in a dark and dangerous forest. . . .

"With love instead of a sword go forward and with the holy Cross and spread the Gospel everywhere; long live Oh Bulgarian Defender!"

Dr. Markoff has an exceptionally strong church in Bourgas, as churches go in that part of the world. His missionary labors take him into many parts of the Country. Through the *Bulgarian Defender*, multitudes are being reached, who would never otherwise hear the Message!

## The Chapel Car

NEVER a day passes but what Puerto Ricans see the famous "Defender Church on Wheels" moving about, over their beautiful tropical Island.

From town to town, it carries groups of singers and native preachers, who hold Gospel services in public places. In a recent letter, Superintendent J. F. Rodriguez says:

"Our Chapel Car is in constant action. A new Defender Evangelist, Rev. Rafael A. Colon is giving his full time to public preaching and colportage work. He is a careful driver and takes the singers and personal workers to different places."

Thousands of people are hearing the Gospel in Puerto Rico every month through this department of missionary service. It is truly a "byway and hedge call."

"And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

## News From "Navajoland"

REV. B. H. Stokely, Director of the Navajo Indian Evangelization Movement, writes as follows:

"It is good to have Miss Katherine Beard back on the field with us again after her illness. . . .

"There is a region out here which we have wanted to enter, for a long time, with the Gospel. Upon investigation of the territory, we found a little rock house owned by a Navajo. It is near a trading post.

"A new roof will be necessary, also one door and one window. Some rock work and replastering the house inside, is also necessary. Then there is the furnishing of the house for two women workers. These workers are to be your

missionary Miss Beard, and Miss Grant.

"One of our interpreters, Albert Tsosie, and his wife, Mary, will live in a trailer house-car alongside. . . ."

THIS MEANS THAT AN ALL NEW AREA IS SOON TO BE PIONEERED IN ARIZONA.

The cost of making the above needed repairs on the little stone house will be approximately \$75.00. Fifteen gifts of \$5.00 each from Defender Readers will meet this need!

## An African Diamond

THE Defenders Movement, through its seven lines of missionary work reaching into different parts of the world, has long since demonstrated the advantage of employing the talents of converted and trained native workers.

A "foreign" missionary, going from the United States to another country, is placed at a natural disadvantage. On the other hand, the native knows the language, customs and problems of his people.

On no field, are the fruits of native missionary work more evident than in Liberia West Africa where Paul Revere, the son of a cannibalistic witch-doctor, is getting such wonderful results in darkened areas where white men could scarcely live.

After a Christian woman had led Paul to Christ several years ago, he came to the United States and was trained for Christian service at the Practical Bible Training School. On the campus of that institution, he was called "AN AFRICAN DIAMOND".

In a letter just received from him, he says:

"The bicycle sent by the ladies of the Brotherhood Tabernacle of Adrian, Michigan reached me safely. I can hardly find words to express my feelings for this great gift to our work.

"It is really marvelous that God should have put it upon their hearts to do this. Nothing more useful could have been sent. I wish I could thank each one personally who gave to the fund to make this bicycle possible.

"I am often humbled to the dust in prayer when I think of so many friends in the blessed Defenders Movement being interested in carrying the Gospel light to my people who have lived for centuries in such darkness. Tears come to my eyes as I try to tell all that is in my heart."

## "Postponed"

SECOND Thessalonians 3:1-3:

"1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:

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## June Missionary Offering

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Enclosed find \$\_\_\_\_\_ to assist with the Missionary work during the month of June. It is understood that every cent given through Defender channels goes directly to the fields. I want this offering used for the branch (or branches) marked below:

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# DEFENDER BOOK DEPARTMENT

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IN these days there is a disposition to belittle the work of the evangelist. This office is as highly magnified in Scripture as that of the pastor, and is especially spoken of as a gift of Christ to the Church. There must be evangelistic preaching or the world will sink still deeper in the morass of sin.

Every professed Christian, every preacher, every person who would like to be an evangelist, should read this book and imbibe its teaching. It is well written and interesting.

... GOOD BOOKS ...

**ABOUT THE OLD FAITH.** By Henry W. Frost, D. D. Published by Fleming H. Revell Co. Pages 128. Price \$1.25.

THIS book contains a series of meditations upon important Christian truths, written by a man of outstanding clarity of thought and style. It is designed especially for young Christians. Doctrinal subjects are treated without the usual theological terms, and in the order of their importance. The God-head, God, Christ, Man, Sin, the Bible, Fundamental doctrines, the Church, Christian Experience, the Unseen World, Prophecy, and the Final State, are all explained in a simple manner.

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this book. It is a rich story of his life, expressing his lovable character, his ready wit, and his deep love for Christ and the sinner. Many of his inimitable stories are given, together with excerpts from sermons, and numerous pithy sayings. This is a well told story of a great life, and ends with a statement by David Lloyd George, "There was a man sent from God, and his name was Gipsy Smith".

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**AND I PREACHED THIS!** By Luther Wesley Smith. Published by the Judson Press. Pages 178. Price \$1.00.

DR. Smith is the pastor of a large Baptist church in a university city, and as such has come into contact with many young people. He understands their needs, and this book of sermons represents the type of preaching he uses. While many of them are for special occasions, such as baccalaureate and convention services, he states that he makes it a rule "never to preach to others what I have not first shared with my own church family".

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... GOOD BOOKS ...

**IN THE LAST DAYS.** By W. H. Rogers, D. D., Published by Fundamental Truth Publishers. Pages 44. Price 25 cents.

THE author, Dr. Rogers, pastor of the First Baptist Church in New York City, is the worthy successor of the late Dr. I. M. Haldeman, world famous for his defense of the Scriptures and profound knowledge of Bible prophecy.

Jesus rebuked the religious leaders of His day because they did not discern the "signs of the times" at His first coming. Their stupidity was the result of ignorance of Scripture, for the Word emphatically declares that God reveals His secrets, that He knows the end from the beginning, and has made known His plans and purposes for every age of man.

If people remain in ignorance, it is obviously not the fault of the Bible, but is due to the fact that they will not search the Scriptures nor discern the signs of the times.

The first coming of the Lord was fulfilled exactly as the prophets foretold, therefore it follows that the second coming will occur just as the prophecies indicate.

Only a few were looking for Him at His first advent, and the same will be true of the second. Multitudes who profess to be believers are as stupid as the Pharisees and Sadducees, unable to discern either the prophecies or the signs of the times, and for the same reasons—worldliness, self-righteousness, and unbelief.

Every pre-millennarian believes in signs! Dr. Rogers divides his study into four sections: (1) Signs among the Nations, (2) Christendom, (3) Gentiles, and (4) Jews.

This book covers a wide scope and deals, in a general way, with the major prophecies of the age-end.

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## ROSETTA.

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kindnesses, the priests ordered this testimonial to be engraved upon Stone in three forms.

Their praise for Ptolemy constitutes the message of the Rosetta Stone. When the temple of Tum was destroyed, the Stone was thrown down and forgotten, only to be discovered nearly 2,000 years later.

The value of the monument was perceived as soon as it was discovered. After cleaning, the recognition of its value was determined, copies of the inscriptions were made. The Stone itself was then packed and carefully preserved.

The war dragged on until 1801 when the city of Alexandria was captured by the English. The Rosetta Stone came into the hands of Mr. W. R. Hamilton, the British Commissioner, who happened to be one of the most brilliant scholars of his day. We do not have to guess three times as to what became of the Rosetta Stone! It was sent to England, and rests today in the British Museum.

Only two things of vital importance resulted from the expedition of Napoleon to Egypt: (1) the Rosetta Stone, (2) "*La Description de l'Egypte*."

The results of the researches of the scholars who accompanied the French army aroused the general interest of Europe in all things Egyptian.

Egyptian research at that time had practically been abandoned. All the collections made were valueless except as "curiosity" pieces; the monuments were mute, the hieroglyphics could not be read, the riddle of the Sphinx still remained unsolved. But the discovery of this Stone changed everything; it proved to be a magic wand that would reveal the untold, uncounted, unguessed treasures that were locked up in monument, tomb, pyramid and the Old Testament. It was the searchlight which was to penetrate the darkness of thousands of years, unfold human history, and illuminate the pages of the Bible.

Engraved copies of the Stone became common in Europe; scholars of every country were soon studying the writing in an attempt to decipher the hieroglyphics. However, there was much groping in the dark; false trails, new starts, and many discouragements. The Rosetta Stone was in no hurry to give up its message.

## Solving the Mystery

The first man who attempted to get some insight into the secret was the French Orientalist, Silvestre de Sacy (1802). He was followed by, or rather, contemporaneous with, the Swedish scholar, Akerblad. They worked on the cursive, or hieratic text.

They succeeded to the extent of fixing the value of several of the characters. Twenty years went by from 1802 without any marked success. The characters still refused to give up the secret of their value. Then came Jean Francois Champollion, a Frenchman, to whom belongs the real honor of having solved the mystery of the hieroglyphics and having found the key to the understanding of Egyptian writing and language.

He published a treatise in 1822 in which he definitely fixed a portion of the Egyptian alphabet. Prior to his time the savants were attempting to interpret on the assumption that each of the letters that composed hieroglyphic writing was a *symbol*; i. e. that in every single one of the letters a complete *idea* was expressed.

Why they did not think or perceive that these "markings" were an alphabet, no one knows. These *signs* represented sounds, and were thus a true alphabet rather than an ideograph as had at first been supposed. Champollion started with the characters or signs enclosed within an elliptical ring; the name that seemed to be translated into Greek as *Ptolemy*.

He called this elliptical ring a *cartouche*, and assumed that the Greek letters were *TRANSLITERATIONS* of the Egyptian rather than a *TRANSLATION*. Working upon this assumption, he soon isolated the letters *P. T. L. M. S.*

From the study of the Rosetta Stone the scholar shifted his study to an inscription on an obelisk at Philae. He found on this obelisk a cartouche which he took to be the name of Cleopatra. If his reading of Ptolemy was correct, then the *P. L. T.* letters of the name Ptolemy must appear in, or from the name, of the famous Queen.

This name if correct would furnish two other letters: *K* and *R*. Such proved to be the case. Now he had at his command the letters *P.T.L.M.S.K.R.*

These, with the few that had been deciphered during the previous twenty years, gave Champollion a flying start! *He pursued his studies to such an extent that at the time of his death in 1832 he had compiled in manuscript, an almost complete Egyptian grammar and vocabulary.* Thanks to the Rosetta Stone!

There was no longer any hesitancy as to the pronunciation of the signs, for from the day that he assembled the seven letters set forth above, he could certify that he was in the possession of the Egyptian alphabet.

But now remained the language; for the pronouncing of words means nothing, if their meaning is unknown. When Champollion applied his words to a known language, the resultant was *Coptic*. But the real, genuine Coptic was no longer spoken; it had become a dead language in the XVIth century.

However, several dialects remained, sufficiently related to the ancient Coptic to enable all the grammatical forms and structures to be fully examined. At last the Sphinx spoke; the veil of mystery was rended asunder; the Egyptian language was only Coptic written in hieroglyphics, or more correctly speaking, the language of ancient Egypt was only Coptic written in Greek letters.

With this start, Champollion proceeded from the known to the unknown, and the foundation for the science of *Egyptology* was laid.

When Champollion put aside his pen in death, it was picked up by Dr. Birch, who patiently traced words through thousands of manuscripts, and texts of inscriptions, until he found their true meanings. He finally ascertained that almost every word consists of two parts—hieroglyphics to represent the *sound*,

followed by hieroglyphics to represent a general or specific meaning.

The result of all this is the recovery of literature, law, medicine, art, and a knowledge of every activity engaged in by the Egyptians for a few thousand years.

## Another Stone

But the revelations made by the Rosetta Stone did not end with unlocking the mysteries of Egypt; it further led to the interpretation of other languages that had been dead and forgotten, even longer than the Egyptian. *What it has added to our knowledge of both Old and New Testaments can never be estimated!*

The success in forcing the Rosetta Stone to give up its secret spurred on a great scholar in another part of the Near East, Sir Henry Rawlinson, who scaled the Behistun Rock with its trilingual inscription of Darius. This proved to be the "Rosetta Stone" of Assyriology.

Rawlinson, in the quiet of his study on the Tigris, made this new Stone yield its secrets.

The "Rosetta Stone of Assyria" gave the key to that peculiar form of writing known as the *cuneiform*, the wedge-shaped form pressed into soft clay tablets.

This opened an entire new world of literature, law, sociology, medicine, etc. The two "Stones" together have given us keys to unlock the arcana of the ages, and people who have gone from the stage of action thousands of years ago.

Two great literatures were sealed in the cabinet of the past; the keys were lost, thrown away, buried, and it looked as if their secrets were never to be discovered; but they were discovered, and our knowledge of the human race was thereby greatly increased.

Not only did these "Stones" open the way for an interpretation of the languages and literatures mentioned above; but they opened the way for the translation and interpretation of the entire group of Semitic languages and dialects.

It has helped to trace the origin of the Hebrews and their allied branches. It has given us light upon their religious, ethical, and political ideas; the development of their thought, and philosophy. It has opened great vistas that had been dreamed of, but for which little hope was held of realization. It taught us that the Canaanites and the wanderers who came from the wilderness of *Tih* (Sin) were ethnically the same peoples; that the wanderers were in a far less advanced stage of civilization than their kin who had long formulated the Baal worship.

It shows us two peoples living side-by-side; the one an intruder, a "squatter" upon the other; the rural and the urban in direct opposition to each other. It changed our views of these Oriental peoples almost completely.

From a profane point of view, perhaps no other artifact ever discovered had so profound an influence upon civilization as the discovery and interpretation of the Rosetta Stone. *It, today, is the most prominent artifact in the British Museum.*

# INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON COMMENTS

For June and First Sunday of July

By Rev. Paul S. Wight, Asheville, N. C.

June 13

## The Brotherly Love of Judah

Gen. 44:18-34

GOD had repeatedly given a promise to make Abraham's descendants a great people, a mighty nation, a blessing to all the nations of the earth, and that he would give them a land, Canaan, for their perpetual possession. Everything that God allows to happen is for the ultimate carrying out of His perfect and unchangeable purposes.

The foul deed of twenty years before rises up to convict them anew. Time cannot heal our iniquities. Fifty years will make no difference in your crimes. Conscience makes us live continually in the present. The conscience may slumber but it never dies.

God's purpose is to bring this family down to Egypt. When man does not of his own volition walk in the purposes of God, then God will bring circumstances to pass compelling him to do so.

Verse 32. Christ is our surety. He makes himself one with us (Heb. 2:11). He sprang from Judah (Heb. 7:14). He was accepted as our Substitute, was bound, abused, and crucified. He bore the curse for us (Gal. 3:13). He died for us who were below Him. He pleads for us before the throne of the Father (Heb. 7:25).

From the heart and lips of Judah there pours forth one of the most moving appeals ever recorded. In all literature, there is nothing more pathetic than this appeal of Judah. Martin Luther has said that he would have given anything if he could pray to God as Judah prayed to Joseph.

"I am Joseph." In those words all the past is explained, all the future is guaranteed.

In chapter 45:1-15 Joseph gives a philosophy of his life, an interpretation of all that had happened, both in his experience and in theirs — "it was not you that sent me hither but God." Joseph was saying, hundreds of years before the Saviour was born, what Paul was to say in another dispensation — "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

Three times are we told in this record that Joseph wept (42:24; 43:30; 45:14,15); three times in the New Testament do we read of our Lord's weeping (Lk. 19:41; John 11:35; Heb. 5:7).

June 20

## Joseph's Kindness To His Kindred

Gen. 46:1-7; 28:30; 50:24-26

VERSES 46:2-4. Four things are promised — God's permission to go down into Egypt, God's presence as they go into Egypt, God's promise to make of them in Egypt a great nation, and God's purpose to bring them back to Canaan in the future. This last was the most reassuring of all God's gracious promises to Jacob.

The number of those who went with Jacob into Egypt *that came out of his loins* were eleven sons, one daughter, fifty grandchildren, and four great-grandsons; in all, sixty-six. Jacob, Joseph, and his two sons are four, and thus there were seventy. (In Acts 7:14 Stephen is probably including some of the wives of Jacob's sons.) So the Lord sent out the seventy early in His ministry.

Though Pharaoh, in the eyes of the world was the great potentate, and Jacob the plain patriarch, yet by sheer force of character, and by the wisdom and dignity that attached to old age, Jacob here appears as a man greater and more venerable than Pharaoh himself. Jacob was the one who bestowed a blessing on Pharaoh, rather than receiving a blessing from Pharaoh. A man who has been accustomed to stand before God can always appear without fear and indignity before kings (Matt. 10:18).

Jacob refers to his life as a pilgrimage, a journey with a goal. The Bible presents life as a sojourning, a temporary residence in a land which is not one's own, and we ever look for "the rest that remaineth to the people of God" (Gen. 17:8; 28:4; Lev. 17:12; Deut. 24:14; Ps. 39:13; Heb. 11:13).

As a man draws near to death, he seems to see many things in a much clearer light, and especially gets glimpses into the future which are hidden from others. "The soul's dark cottage, battered and decayed, lets in new light through chinks that time has made."

The first-born son of Joseph is passed over in that the second-born son receives the greater blessing. So it was with Seth instead of Cain; Shem instead of Japheth; Abraham instead of Haran; Isaac instead of Ishmael; Jacob instead of Esau.

There is nothing finer to remember

in all this lesson than the five words: "I die; but God will."

Through all the terrible bondage they were destined to suffer, the embalmed body of Joseph, stood as the most eloquent advocate of God's faithfulness, ceaselessly reminding the despondent generations of the oath which God would yet enable them to fulfill. And thus, as Joseph had been their pioneer, who broke away for them into Egypt, so did he continue to hold open the gate and point the way back to Canaan.

June 27

## Messages From Genesis

Heb. 11:3-10, 17-22

1. — CHRIST'S RELATIONSHIP TO 1. THE CREATION OF ALL THINGS (John 1:1-5). In the first chapter of Genesis we have "In the beginning God". The phrase "and God said" occurs ten times. In John's Gospel we learn that the *agent* through whom the creation was brought into existence was the very Word ("Logos") of God, the utterance of God's thoughts, the One who executed God's purposes.

2. — THE BEGINNING OF FAITH. The beginning of faith is faith in the beginning. We read, as the first step, that "through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." There is no true Christian faith that does not begin in recognition of God as the Creator. It is also a wonderful comfort to know that there is absolutely nothing in the wide world which is unknown to God, which does not owe its very existence to Him, and which must not ultimately obey His infinitely wise and holy will.

3. — UNDER SEALED ORDERS. (Heb. 11:8). "He went out, not knowing whither he went." We know why Abraham was called out of Ur. It is easy to perceive the philosophy of history after four thousand years. But they who find the first paths across the mountains do not know the configuration of the country. They make the maps and we read them.

The soldiers who fight in a great battle know little about it until it is over. It is easy for us now to see that it was God's plan to select and train a special race of people for purposes of righteousness; that some one man must be the father of a family whose descendants were to be kept apart from the heathen world, until at last, educated



in the worship of God, in the apprehension of His spirituality, His holiness, and His love, they should be capable of furnishing the human ancestry of the Messiah. This was God's purpose in calling Abraham out of Chaldean idolatry. It was impossible for Abraham to see it, but it was not necessary for him to see it. He had faith in God, faith in the invisible world, faith in the future, faith in the *hidden reason* of his appointed pilgrimage. And so must we have faith in God, and loyally follow our Leader, Who says, "What I do, thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter."

4. — AS IT WAS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH (Lk. 17:26-32). In the days of Noah and Lot, the people were wholly occupied with material things, the things which gratify fleshly desires, and were giving absolutely no thought to God, to the spiritual needs of men, or to the preparation for departing from this life and standing before a holy God. When a civilization is wholly material, it will, sooner or later, and generally sooner, sink into a slough of shameful wickedness.

5. — THE VALUE OF FAITH. In the case of Sodom, God said "Yes" to every request of Abraham. It was Abraham who stopped asking, not God who stopped granting (Gen. 18:23-33).

July 4

## God Hears a People's Cry

Ex. 1:6-14; 2:23-25

WE cannot help but think of Psalms 37:7,9, "Rest in Jehovah and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. For evil-doers shall be cut off; but those that wait for Jehovah, they shall inherit the land."

Man's greatest mistake is to act without taking God into his account. Sooner or later, the thought of God will force itself upon him, and then comes the awful crash of his schemes and calculations. Things undertaken independently of God last but for the present. All that is merely human, however solid, however brilliant, or however attractive, must fall into the cold grasp of death and molder in the dark, silent tomb.

What a sad mistake for a feeble mortal to set himself up against the eternal God! As well might Pharaoh have sought to stem with his puny hand the ocean's tide as to prevent the increase of those who were the instruments of Jehovah's everlasting purpose.

God uses Pharaoh's foolish wisdom to prepare for the exodus. God knows of every circumstance that pertains to His children. How infinitely precious are

the words of the Lord Jesus when He says that He knows His own sheep (John 10:14,27). Our Heavenly Father knows all things of which we have need (Mt. 6:8, 32). "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation" (2 Pet. 2:9).

The message which the Lord sent to the terribly persecuted church at Smyrna seems to be what we might call the New Testament parallel for this particular Old Testament passage of comfort. "I know thy tribulation, and thy poverty, and the blasphemy of them that say they are Jews, and they are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Fear not the things which thou art about to suffer" (Rev. 2:9-10).

Our Lord calls us to hold to one Center, and to one only. If we get away from that one Center everything else will be erratic and eccentric. If we abide there, everything will take its appropriate place. "Believe in God, believe also

in Me!" We are to trust the Father as unveiled to us in Jesus Christ His Son. We are to fling ourselves, with all our weight of care and sorrow, upon His loyal and loving strength. We are to hold there, nay, to rest there, and the troubled incidents will begin to arrange themselves in divinely purposed ranks.

If Christ be lifted up He will draw even those conclusive happenings into destined and friendly order.

Have you seen an engine pounding itself to pieces on a slippery rail in winter? What it needed was sand — opposition. Friction spells progress. Even a kite can't rise with the wind. It must ascend *against* it. Don't spend your time quarreling with the order of things or fretting about some one else's easy success. *An oak grows in the open, tortured by a thousand storms. The hot house plant never knows the glory of the sky.*

## Lincoln Loved The Bible

In these days of perplexity and uncertainty, Christian believers are turning more and more to a study of the Bible.

The Word of God is still "quick and powerful". It is still the "Sword of the Spirit" a "Light in a dark place". It still comforts, sustains and satisfies. Its prophecies are still operative. *Those who know it best love it most.*

During a discourse before the American Bible Society in 1901 President Theodore Roosevelt said: "Lincoln, sad, patient, kindly Lincoln who, after bearing upon his shoulders for four years a greater burden than that borne by any other man of the nineteenth century, laid down his life for the people whom living, he had served so well, built up his entire reading upon his study of the Bible.

"He had mastered it absolutely, mastered it as later he mastered only one or two other books, so that he almost became a man of one Book, and who instinctively practiced its teachings, and it was from this Book he drew his inspiration and ideals."

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"POSTPONED."

From Page 27.

"2 And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.

"3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil."

These words, "delivered from unreasonable and wicked men", written by Paul to the Christians in the city of Thessalonica, back in the year A. D. 54 have a prophetic application to Rev. A. Velonis, Superintendent of the Defenders Movement.

Mr. Velonis lives in Thessalonica (the modern Salonica). He is being persecuted by "unreasonable" and "wicked men".

In an attempt to silence his testimony for Christ, the Greek Orthodox Church recently ordered his arrest for teaching what their leaders called "heretical doctrines". The date of his trial was set for April 22, 1937.

In preparing his final defense to be filed with the Court, Mr. Velonis wrote these words:

"Physical suffering and persecution concern me not at all. I wish to make known to my honorable Judges that I shall accept your final decision without murmur or protest. I shall undergo with patience the suffering placed before me, that I may glorify my Lord.

"I count my magazine 'The Greek Defender' and the missionary work entrusted to me, far more precious than my mean and cheap flesh.

"For this reason, I ask to be judged either totally and completely guilty, or totally and completely innocent; so that I may proceed at once to face the penalty of my crime, or be set entirely free to pour my energies into the missionary service for which my life is dedicated."

TO THE WICHITA HEADQUARTERS, MR. VELONIS WROTE:

"God is greater than our accusers!

"After my trial I shall send you a cablegram. If I shall be declared innocent by the jury, I will cable only one word 'Innocent'.

"If I shall be condemned to pay a fine, I will cable the word 'Fined'.

"If I shall be sentenced to prison or jail, I shall cable 'Imprisoned'.

"And if my case shall be postponed for a later date, I shall cable the word 'Postponed'.

"But if you receive nothing from me immediately after April 22nd you will know I am dealt with so severely that either to wire or write will be impossible."

On April 22nd, the Wichita office received a cablegram which said: "POSTPONED".

Meanwhile, Mr. Velonis is free to continue with his missionary labors. He is prospering on persecution! His fame is reaching throughout Greece and neighboring Balkan countries.

Let Defender Readers continue to pray for the Greek work!

## Movie Madness

By Dr. Theodore Graebner, St. Louis, Mo.

THERE is no more saddening sight than a young man or woman passing through the door of a theater which announces in letters a foot high some such legend as: "Big Love Scene;" "A Beautiful Blond Woman in His Life—Could He Resist?" "All Of Me;" "Girls For Sale;" "Nudity In Gold;" "Back into Nature With Venus."

If they were to visit a hospital for contagious diseases they would have to put on sterilized gowns and masks. But better a thousand times to fall a prey to smallpox or typhoid fever than to be inoculated with the germ of the Hollywood type of love-life, which is nothing but a bestial service of lust, camouflaged by fine dresses and glamorous music.

The thought of the millions that have their minds and hearts poisoned every week by these shows, is enough to make one realize the existence of a personal Devil, even if the Bible said nothing about it.

There is an interesting statement from a young man of 21, a college junior. Notice how coolly he analyzes the effects of the movies. "A highly charged sex movie puts many girls in an emotional state that weakens, let us say, resistance. I took a girl friend of mine to a racy sex picture. It had the usual lingerie scenes, complication, etc. That night when I took her home, she was, in the vernacular, quite warm.... Nine times out of ten with intelligent interpretation, the girl's emotional state can be regulated and used to what may be either advantage or disadvantage."

How would you like to have some man plan, in such a cold-blooded manner, how to break down the will of your daughter by selecting the moving picture he takes her to see?

Nearly one-half of delinquent girls examined, admitted that they were moved to invite men to make love to them after seeing passionate sex pictures.

Female delinquency is intimately bound up with the theatre. The Motion-Picture Council has the letter of a girl of sixteen who wrote: "The movies have given me some ideas about the freedom we should have. For instance in the picture, the wildest girl always tames down and gets the man she loves. Why not in real life? . . ."

Another sixteen-year old girl wrote: "Bad and pretty girls are usually more attractive to men than intelligent and

studious girls. No wonder girls in the olden days before the movies were so modest and bashful. They never saw Clara Bow and William Haines. If we did not see such examples in the movies, where would we get the idea of being 'hot'? We wouldn't."

A delinquent girl of seventeen wrote: "The most responsible thing for getting me in trouble is these love pictures. When I saw a love picture, at night, and if I had to go home alone, I would try to flirt with some man on the corner. If it was the right kind of bad man, he would take me to a dance or a wild party; at these parties I would meet other men that would be crazy for fast life. This is the kind of men that got me in trouble."

The merit of these quotations is not that they tell an unexpected story; no one can see the average gangster and sex film without being convinced that they breed criminals and prostitutes. The merit of these quotations is rather their authenticity. They prove to the hilt what we have suspected on general lines of reasoning for a long time.

Our young people should, on their own account, stay away from photo-plays of an immoral or suggestive character. Why deliberately fill the mind with images derived from the intimate lives of Hollywood prostitutes and their paramours?

We are not going the length of saying that, by viewing such objectionable films, Christian faith and morality are at once destroyed. But it cannot be denied that, after viewing many such films, nature becomes acclimated to these fumes from the pit and soon tolerates, yes, even begins to relish, their foul odor.

ASSOCIATED PRESS dispatch from Moscow, May 1, 1937: "The committee of the Communist Internationale urged today that Capitalism throughout the world be overthrown by revolution, and named the United States and France as nations in which Capitalism has been 'checked.' This is the government which promised to cease its pernicious propaganda in the United States when Roosevelt gave it diplomatic recognition.

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